MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY-NINTH REGULAR CONVENTION

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN JOINT SYNOD

OF

OHIO AND OTHER STATES

HELD IN

ALLEGHENY, PA., FROM SEPTEMBER 5th TO SEPTEMBER 11th, 1888.

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PROCEEDINGS

— OF THE —

Twenty-Ninth Regular Convention of the Ev. Luth. Joint Synod of Ohio and Other States, held at Allegheny, Pa., from Sept. 5–11, 1888.

The Ev. Luth. Joint Synod of Ohio and other States opened its 29th regular Convention on Wednesday, September 5, 1888, at 9 A. M., in the church of the Ev. Luth. St. John's congregation, Allegheny, Pa., Rev. H. J. Schuh, Pastor. According to resolution the opening was made by a full liturgical service according to our Agenda and was followed by a sermon by the President, Prof. M. Loy, D.D.

Synod completed its business in 14 sessions, two of which were held in the evening. The customary time of meeting was from 8.30–11.30 A. M.; and from 2–5 P. M. The chaplain chosen by Synod, Rev. H. P. Dannecker, opened each session with a short service.

The following pastors, teachers and delegates were present at the roll-call, or appeared later (in all 114 pastors, 42 delegates, 9 teachers.)

I. FROM THE NORTHERN DISTRICT.

Pastors.	Delegates.	Pastors.	Delegates.
C. Ackermann		S. P. Long	
E. R. Balley		G. F. H. Meiser	
C. J. L. Benzin	H. Becker	G. Mochel	J. Wirth.
J. Born		H. W. Mohrhoff	D. Heiser.
W. A. Bowman	B. B. Overmeyer	P. Raether	W. Bruns.
A. Cordes		S. Schillinger	
L. Dammann		J. A. Schulze	
H. P. Dannecker	J. Michelfelder, Jr	W. Steinmann, Ph.D.	
W. F. Deiss		H. G. Sutter	P. Bingel.
G. Dillmann		C. Ulrich	J. Scheidt.
W. F. Helle		F. Volz	
C. Huebner		F. W. C. Wiechers	
J. M. Johanssen	C. Samsen		

Salem's congregation, Detroit, Mich. F. Stoeppelmann.

TEACHERS.

A. Oberschulte, L. R. Riedel, J. J. Seitz, *F. Stoeppelmann.

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* At the same time a delegate for his congregation.

II. FROM THE WESTERN DISTRICT.

Pastors.	Delegates.	Pastors.	Delegates.
F. W. Althoff		W. H. Price	
S. Baechler		O. Priwer	
J. Dingeldey		C. H. Rohe	
J. E. A. Doermann	J. F. Bergener*	H. L. Schenk	
J. P. Hentz		Prof. E. Schmid	
Th. H. Jaeger		Ph. Schmidt	
C. H. Mayer		P. G. Schmogrow	
Prof. Theo. Mees		Prof. C. H. L. Schuette.	
L. F. Mittler		Prof. F. W. Stellhorn.	
W. Niebuhr		H. Wickemeyer	A. Boes.
P. A. Peter	U. Trump	S. J. Winkler	

*Teacher J. F. Bergener.

III. FROM THE EASTERN DISTRICT.

Pastors.	Delegates.	Pastors.	Delegates.
F. H. Besel	Theo. Gruetzinger	R. J. Graetz	
A. Birch		J. Hoerr	
E. A. Boehme	Geo. H. Dingeldey	K. Hohls	
E. A. Born		J. Humberger	Dr. Richter.
C. F. W. Brecht	F. H. Kummer	A. J. Klindworth	T. Duemlein.
W. Brecht	F. Taeubner	A. R. Kuldell	F. Franz.
W. L. Busch	G. A. Uber	L. F. Meyer	W. Streiber.
A. Busse		J. W. Maier	N. Wendler.
E. Butz		G. Paul	F. Hein.
J. G. Butz	G. Schneider	P. M. Reidenbach	
E. Cronenwett	W. Siebert	H. J. Reimann	
E. F. A. Dittmer		H. A. Schmidt	
P. G. Doepken		H. J. Schuh	H. Hespenheide.
A. Ebert		L. Wagner	J. Ehrmann.
D. Ebert	P. Zehner	Geo. Weber	W. Wernwag.
Theo. Eich	S. Kistler	H. Wellhausen	
E. Goessling		A. W. Werder	Jacob Bayha.

Beaver Falls congregation. Martin Sieg.

TEACHERS.

R. O. Kieling, H. Rupp, A. Sparkuhl.

IV. FROM THE NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT.

H. A. Allwardt, H. K. G. Doermann, A. Liefeld, C. Schaefer,
J. H. Doermann, K. Hemminghaus, H. L. Ridenour, Prof. W. Schmidt.

Teacher A. Doermann.

V. FROM THE ENGLISH DISTRICT.

Pastors.	Delegates.	Pastors.	Delegates.
J. Beck	L. Loy	B. F. Schillinger	
L. H. Burry		J. H. Schneider	
G. T. Cooperrider		Prof. G. H. Schodde.	
C. H. Eckhardt		L. H. Schuh	C. Gayman,
P. Hein	N. Heischmann	J. Sheatsley	
M. F. Lauffer		D. Simon	S. H. Gast,
Prof. M. Loy, D.D.		D. E. Snapp	H. H. Brown,
O. S. Oglesby	Geo. Long	M. R. Walter	D. C. Cooperrider.
E. Pfeiffer	L. Bauerels	W. A. Weismann	

Prof. G. K. Leonard.

VI. FROM THE CONCORDIA DISTRICT.

Pastors.	Delegates.	Pastors.	Delegates.
A. Dietrich		G. W. Lose	C. F. Daume.
L. M. Hunt		E. G. Tressel	
J. F. A. Lautenschlager		E. L. S. Tressel	
R. C. M. Lenski			

* At the same time a delegate for his congregation.

It is true, the world does not recognize how important our work is for it, and, therefore, does not wish us God's speed! when we convene. It does not know what is conducive to its peace. In its vain eyes with its chase for that which appeals to the senses and satisfies the lusts of the flesh, our whole work appears to be insignificant, and it almost seems laughable to the world that to this we bestow so much attention. Over against its power and glory, our synodical work, in so far as it becomes apparent and can be measured with the measure of the natural man, is only poverty and weakness. The poor maid must follow her Lord in humility, till the time of her exaltation comes. "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew Him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be." 1 John 3, 1. 2. Since it does not know the Lord who upholdeth all things by the power of His Word, how should it be able to appreciate that work which we carry on in His name!

It is sad indeed that we, who are called into His kingdom and unto His glory, are yet so much of the world that we look entirely too much upon the visible, and thus behold the Church and its work through the eyes of the world. Only too often it appears to us in our weakness, as if with all our exertions we finally accomplished nothing, and as if in comparison to the mighty foes with which we must contend, no victory could be hoped for. And so it would be, if it depended upon our might, and if we had nothing else to gain success with than what the eye sees. In comparison to the great world we are but a handful; in comparison to the great ability of the world, our ability is absolute inability. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, namely against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against evil spirits under the heavens. There would be reason to despair if in our name and with our means we went to work and entered the contest. "With might of ours here naught is done, Our loss were soon effected." Therefore above all else it is necessary that we look upon our work with the eye of faith and in the light of God's Word, to which faith alone cleaves, to learn its importance. Then we will remain truly humble for we will ever become more conscious of our inability, and we will also not put away our

trust, which has a reward. For also in us weak, the Lord is mighty. He, the faithful God, has not only redeemed us, and given us faith, which is the victory which overcometh the world, but has also entrusted to us the means, through which the world shall be saved. "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." Rom. 1, 16. We use that word of the cross, which alone brings light into the darkness of this world, and soothes the troubled soul. Even though the world mistake our work, or deride it, we know how to appreciate it, and the love of Jesus constrains us so that we cannot desist therefrom. "For all flesh is as grass and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth and the flower thereof falleth away; but the word of the Lord endureth forever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you." 1 Pet. 1, 24. 25. What is all the glory of the world to the eye fixed in death? Only that which we are employed in is able to help fallen mankind. If we faithfully hold fast to that word which saves, our labor cannot remain without blessing and success. Therefore, "my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." 1 Cor. 15, 58.

We are to labor. For this God has called us, and for this we have united ourselves into a Synod. 'Tis true that the main object of a Christian Synod must be to care for the preservation and spread of Christian doctrine, because through the power of the Lord alone its object can be accomplished and this power finds its expression alone through the Word. But it is this very purpose that all our labor should subserve, that this Word be spread more and more and be of greater value in the world. Even our works which look to the amelioration of physical need, should be works of faith, which should grace the doctrine of God our Savior and recommend it to men. And what we want with all our educational institutions and missions and publications is nothing else, than to promote the gospel of peace among men. God grant that we, as His servants, also in this convention, may be found faithful in this work.

Through the grace of God we have been led to the same judgment of the Son of God and to a clear understanding of His Word, and have, therefore, all obligated ourselves upon the

Symbolical Books of our Ev. Luth. Church, in which our fathers already in the time of the Reformation confessed such right knowledge before all the world. Upon this basis we have united in this Synod. Now we should be zealous to maintain the unity of the Spirit through the bonds of peace. We ought to hold what we have. This we intend doing through the grace and power of God. He who is not a unit with us in the good confession of heavenly truth, the knowledge of which the Lord has granted our Church, is not at home here and will have nothing to say. But because we have seen that our confession is the right confession of the Gospel bringing grace and salvation, we must be much concerned, that just this confession have full sway everywhere, and it cannot be a matter of indifference to us whether this or another confession be acknowledged in the world. We desire to build up the Ev. Luth. Church, the Church of the pure Word and Sacrament, because in this way we help to build up the right Zion in which Jesus Christ is the only Lord and the glory is given to Him alone. Who would not take an active part in such a building in which blessings are dispensed for time and eternity! Our synodical work may appear little to the world, but it is of the utmost importance to the whole earth.

Much depends upon our faithful and diligent discharge of this work. This work is assigned us; it lies before us; we are to do it. 'Tis true that we are not saved by our works. For our comfort we want to hold this immovably fast. And yet we must be diligent in our labor, if we wish to be the Lord's true disciples. For He "gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." Tit. 2, 14. These good works are not necessary unto the salvation of the doer. Christ has redeemed and purified us before we could be a people of the kingdom, zealous of good works. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God. Not of works lest any man should boast." Eph. 2, 8. 9. This stands fast and happy we, that it so stands, otherwise our peace would be gone. And yet works are necessary. Just in connection with the words cited, in which the Apostle warns us against trusting in works to attain salvation, he emphasizes this. "For we are His workmanship," he yet adds, "created in Christ Jesus unto

good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." Eph. 2. 10. Good works are necessary and earnest Christians recognize their necessity. Even to the salvation of man they are necessary; not that, as if through them we could merit salvation, or as if they were the condition upon which God would turn His grace to usward; long ago our Savior merited for us salvation; and grace has bestowed it upon us as a free gift, before we were enabled to do anything good: but thus, that the salvation of others is in so far dependent upon our works, since without the Gospel, which is given to us Christians and which we are to bring them, they cannot be saved. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent?" Rom. 10, 13–15. The Word and Sacrament must be administered, and these means of grace must be brought to the people sitting in the shadow of death, if they are to attain life. And this administration the Lord has entrusted to His Church. We are to exercise care that according to His will preachers be educated and sent out; for all this is included in the Lord's commandment to His disciples: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Matt. 28, 19. 20. This then is the principal work which we as a Synod are to do; and woe be to us if we let it lie or carry it on slothfully; for the Lord will demand the blood of those from our hands who by our fault have remained without the Gospel and have died in their sins.

It is encouraging to be able to report that in all that is especially necessary to carry out the will of the Lord in regard to our fellowmen, our work in the past two years has been richly blessed. Our institutions of learning, though much remains to be hoped for, have been able to send a goodly number of laborers into the vineyard of the Lord. Our missionary work was never in better condition. Our publication work is growing and has rendered good service for the spread of the glad tidings of salvation in Christ. Also our Orphan's Home continues to dispense

blessings by the grace of God. Our districts have all been busy and the number of pastors and congregations who did nothing for the general church work is constantly growing less. Thanks be to the grace of God: our Synod has not only grown numerically, but also in zeal and activity in the work of the Lord. The reports of the various Boards prove that the work has been pushed vigorously and that everywhere God's blessing crowned the work.

And yet not near all has been done that lies within the power offered us by God, and what should, therefore, be done by us. It is sad to say that there are still congregations among us who have not yet recognized, or have not sufficiently recognized, that the Lord demands of just them, not only that the Word of the Cross is to be heard at their place and in their life-time, but that others are to have an opportunity to hear it and to be saved thereby, and who do not consider that they are the most richly blessed while they bring blessings to others. It is necessary that we provoke one another unto love and good works. But this must be done by all. Also those who have worked most diligently can do more and ought to do more, in order to bring the divine blessing in ever greater measure and to enjoy the same. He who has shall communicate and he who communicates shall have. "For he that hath, to him shall be given; and he that hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he hath." Mark 4, 25. The Lord wills that those who have tasted the good Word of God, be His messengers to carry it out among men and to this His love constrains us; if this will and this constraint is constantly resisted, He will withdraw His blessing and we will be left in our natural poverty. Whoever is a Christian cannot do otherwise than be concerned that Christianity be upheld and spread; if he cannot go himself and preach the Gospel, he is to help that others may do it. Even if here and there in the congregations there is murmuring and complaint on account of the oft-repeated demands for money, in order that our work may be continued and extended, we must yet not tire, if we wish to be found faithful. Whoever does not wish to advance must remain behind, we, however, wish to follow the Lord and will not forget to do good and to communicate.

We have the necessary educational institutions for our present demands and I have the pleasure of being allowed to report

that the prospects are good that the debts resting upon them so long, will be cancelled this year. But from this no one is to conclude that we may, at least for a season, rest from labor. We must work while it is day, not sit idle at the market. "They that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings as eagles. They shall run and not be weary, and they shall walk and not faint." Isa. 40, 31. Our institutions are to be maintained and extended according to circumstances. It is to be hoped that it will not be long until we are compelled to enlarge our college building at Columbus, or what, according to my judgment, would be preferable, to separate the theological seminary from the college and to erect a special building for this. It might even now be advisable to empower the Board of this institution to proceed with such building in case this should become necessary before our next meeting of Synod.

We should also earnestly consider a further participation of Christian love in caring for orphans and the sick and the superannuated. One Orphan's Home will scarcely answer any more since our Synod has extended its borders so far, and for the sick and superannuated who are poor and homeless and are compelled to seek that love from strangers which we, as their brethren in the faith, should show, we as a Synod have done nothing, although individual congregations have done their part. We should at least, in case we do not think that the time has come to found an asylum for the suffering, create a fund for the support of needy, sick or superannuated pastors.

The assuming of our missionary work on the part of Joint Synod has proved a wise step and this work is spreading more rapidly and is more prosperous all the time. The Lord has referred a large field to us, and the recognition of our accountability in this direction is constantly increasing. We cherish the hope that in the future much more will be done in this direction, and that the Mission Board will be put into a situation to enlarge its whole work. I take the liberty on this occasion to refer to the blessing of the Children's Missionary Day, celebrated by many of our congregations this year. This is a blessing for the congregations and for the mission work. In the children it is comparatively easy to arouse a missionary spirit, which is of great importance for their Christian life, and their

offerings which they bring willingly is a great help to our mission work. If the observance of such a Children's Day were general in all our congregations, the children alone could contribute as much for the sending out of traveling missionaries as the whole Synod has done thus far. I, therefore, desire to recommend the observance of such a day. Of course, by this the mission festivals and mission services are not to be influenced or set aside. I also consider it necessary to urge a more general interest in our Building Fund. As it appears to me, even some of our pastors have not taken the pains to gain a good insight into the plan adopted by us, and have thus never been thoroughly convinced of its power in aiding the missionary work. Otherwise I would not know how to explain the lack of participation on the part of so many congregations who still have a warm heart for the missionary work. This arrangement will certainly recommend itself to every friend of missionary work, who gives it the proper attention. If each year every parish were to give a small contribution there would soon be a goodly sum collected, with which poor congregations, especially in the large cities, could be helped out, until they would be in condition to refund the money advanced. that others may in turn be helped. Also in this respect be not dilatory as to your duty.

According to the commission, the committee appointed two years ago to hold a colloquium with the Ev. Luth. Synod of Iowa, entered into a correspondence without, however, reaching the desired result. The documents referring to this matter are added.

Since Mr. Julius Klingler, who two years ago was elected as our synodical treasurer, was declared self-excluded by our synodical congregation at Butler, Pa. in which he was a member, it seemed to me, under the circumstances, to be demanded to appoint another to this position. I appointed Mr. Wm. Siebert of Butler, Pa., who assumed the office and will report on the state of the treasury. Since Mr. Klingler was also elected a member of our Seminary Board at Columbus and his term of office expires in 1890, it will be necessary to elect another one in his place for the unexpired term of two years.

It is known that our Northwestern District extends over a large territory. Since it is strong enough numerically, according to my judgment, it would be advisable, to lighten the super-

vision of it, to undertake a division. In connection with this I desire to moot the question, whether in general a better division of our districts is not possible? The Synod should also see to it that two districts do not meet at the same time.

A lately received communication concerning the participation on our part in the arranging of a uniform English text of Luther's smaller Catechism and of the Augsburg Confession, is hereby submitted to Synod.

In the name of the Lord we have assembled here; in the name of the Lord let us proceed to the important work laid before us. Let us not forget that we are His servants and that we do His work. May He give us grace that we be found faithful servants, that our counsels and resolutions redown to the honor of His great name and to the welfare of His church. He, the merciful Savior, be in the midst of us and let His divine blessing rest upon every thing which we do in His name. Amen.

In conclusion I would yet add the business lying before Synod as far as this is known to me:

1. The not yet adopted By-Laws.
2. The motion to arrange for a delegate Synod.
3. Report upon our institutions of learning at Columbus, Woodville, Afton, Hickory.
4. Our Orphan's Home at Richmond.
5. Report on our Book Concern and periodicals.
6. Missionary matters.
7. Reports of our treasuries.

M. Loy.

Allegheny, Pa., September 5, 1888.

After Synod had heard this report it proceeded to the election of officers. The following is the result:

Prof. M. Loy, D.D.....*President.*
Prof. C. H. L. Schuette.....*Vice President.*
Rev. E. A. Boehme.....*German Secretary.*
Rev. L. H. Schuh.....*English Secretary.*
Mr. J. H. Spielman.....*Treasurer.*

The documents referred to Synod were by the President assigned to the following Committees for action:

First Committee (Presidential Report): Prof. F. W. Stellhorn, Pastors J. H. Doermann, W. F. Helle, E. G. Tressel, J. H. Schneider, delegates N. Wendler and H. Hespenheide.

Second Committee (Home Missions): Pastors A. W. Werder, D. Simon, K. Hemminghaus, H. Wickemeyer, H. P. Dannecker, delegates J. F. Bergener and U. Trump.

Third Committee (Teacher's Seminary): Pastors H. A. Allwardt, Prof. E. Schmid, G. F. H. Meiser, J. G. Butz and J. Beck, delegates G. H. Dingeldey and H. Becker.

Fourth Committee (Seminary at Hickory): Pastors C. H. Rohe, J. Hoerr, E. Cronenwett, E. L. S. Tressel and O. S. Oglesby, delegates C. Gayman and D. C. Cooperrider.

Fifth Committee (Publications): Prof. Theo. Mees, pastors C. Huebner, Prof. W. Schmidt, B. F. Schillinger and H. J. Reimann, delegates J. Michelfelder and S. H. Gast.

Sixth Committee (Minutes): Dr. W. Steinmann, Pastors A. Liefeld, G. Weber, P. G. Schmogrow and A. Dietrich, delegates Dr. Richter and J. Wirth.

Seventh Committee (Orphan's Home): Pastors G. Mochel, P. M. Reidenbach, Dr. G. H. Schodde, C. H. Mayer and H. K. G. Doermann, delegates W. Bruns and W. Siebert.

Eighth Committee (Institution at Columbus): Pastors C. F. W. Brecht, J. A. Schulze, P. A. Peter, Ph. Schmidt and L. H. Burry, delegates G. Long and L. Loy.

Ninth Committee (Institution at Afton): Pastors H. A. Schmidt, G. Dillmann, H. W. Mohrhoff, H. L. Ridenour and P. G. Doepken, delegates J. Bayha and J. Schneider.

Tenth Committee (Excuses): Pastors F. W. Althoff and A. Birch, delegate A. Boes.

Eleventh Committee (Communication from the Detroit Local Conference): Professors C. H. L. Schuette, F. W. Stellhorn, W. Schmidt, pastors A. W. Werder and D. Simon.

Twelfth Committee (General Treasury): Pastors Th. Jaeger, P. Raether, A. Ebert, J. F. A. Lautenschlager, teacher F. Stoeppelmann and J. J. Seitz, delegate E. F. Daume.

Thirteenth Committee (Pastors and Teachers' Widows and Orphans' Fund): Pastors C. J. L. Benzin, O. Priwer and L. M. Hunt, delegates L. Overmeyer and C. H. Kummer.

Fourteenth Committee (Foreign Missions): Pastors W. F. Deiss, J. M. Johanssen and E. A. Born, delegates G. A. Uber and W. Streiber.

Fifteenth Committee (Synodical Treasury): Prof. G. K. Leonard, pastors A. Cordes and L. F. Mittler, teacher A. Oberschulte and delegate F. Taeubner.

Sixteenth Committee (Nominations): Pastors S. Baechler, J. Hoerr and H. J. Reimann.

In addition to these there was another document handed in which, in the judgment of the President did not belong to Synod, but was to be considered first, at least, by the College Board of Columbus. It was handed the President of that body.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

as they were accepted by Synod, together with the proceedings and resolutions respecting them.

REPORT OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE.

Your Committee, which was entrusted with the President's report, and matters pertaining to the same, begs leave to submit the following:

1. Together with our worthy President, we rejoice greatly in the glorious divine consolation given us in our church work, even in the midst of the discouragements and oppositions prepared for us by Satan and the wicked world, and we take to heart the earnest admonition not to grow weary or discouraged in the work of the Lord.

2. We have abundant reasons to be thankful to the Lord; for He has lately blessed our feeble, imperfect efforts even beyond our expectations. This, however, should not induce us to recline on our laurels, but should prompt us to renewed and more vigorous exertions.

3. It should not only be our fervent wish that our present buildings, at Columbus, should be overcrowded, but we should spare no efforts to bring this to pass, and should the present accommodations prove insufficient, we recommend that the Resident Professor be assigned the dwelling now already owned by Synod.

4. Touching the President's reference to the superannuated and disabled pastors and teachers, we recommend that such brethren receive a suitable support out of our Pastors and Teachers' Widows and Orphans' Fund, and that this fund be remembered with corresponding additional contributions. With regard to the poor of the congregations, we deem it the evident duty of every congregation to take care of these themselves.

5. Regarding our Home Mission Work we refer Synod to

the report of the proper committee. We beg leave to do the same in regard to our Church Building Fund.

6. We approve of the appointment, on the part of our worthy President, of a synodical treasurer pro tem., in the place of Mr. H. J. Klingler. We also recommend the choice of a new trustee in our Seminary Board to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term of office of Mr. Klingler. Yet this is not to be regarded as if the Synod pronounced judgment upon the controversy at Butler.

7. a) With regard to the suggested division of the Northwestern District, we do not feel able to advise anything different. We suggest that Synod request the brethren of said district to give us their opinions on this subject.

b) As regards the redividing of all of the districts it appears that this cannot be carried out until the question regarding the division of the Northwestern District is settled.

c) We, too, disapprove of the fact that two districts meet at the same time, and, therefore, suggest that a committee be appointed, consisting of the Presidents of the several districts and one other member of each district, to arrange a schedule, regulating the time of meeting of the different districts.

8. We regret that the committee appointed to hold a colloquium with the Iowa Synod found it necessary to withdraw its offer.

9. With regard to the invitation extended through the Secretary of the Joint Committee on Liturgics, Dr. Jacobs, to take part in the preparation of a uniform translation of Luther's Smaller Catechism and the Augsburg Confession, we suggest that the same be accepted, and that Dr. Loy and Rev. E. G. Tressel be constituted a committee to meet with the above mentioned committee.

10. In conclusion, we express our hearty thanks to our worthy President for the faithful discharge of his arduous duties, and recommend that his report be printed in the minutes.

Respectfully your Committee,

F. W. Stellhorn, J. H. Schneider,
J. H. Doermann, N. Wendler,
W. F. Helle, J. H. Hespenheide.
E. G. Tressel,

c) We would also urge that the subject of Missions be thoroughly discussed both in synodical conventions and in pastoral conferences.

5. Because congregations must not only have pastors but also churches, etc., and so many congregations have not the means necessary for the erection of churches, the Building Fund has been established. It is to be deplored that this fund has not been sufficiently remembered. In order to enable the Missionary Board to do more in this direction also, we would appeal to all the congregations of Synod annually to remember this fund with a collection. We would suggest Reformation Festival as a suitable time for such a collection.

6. Respecting an appeal from Baltimore, to appoint a Missionary for the Bohemian Protestants of that City, we would recommend that the matter be referred to our Missionary Board.

7. Your Committee move that the report of the Board of Missions be published in our Minutes.

8. Finally we move that Synod express its thanks to the Members of the Board for the faithful discharge of their arduous duties.

Respectfully, your Committee,

A. W. Werder, J. F. Bergener,
H. Wickemeyer, Uriah Trump,
D. Simon, H. P. Dannecker,
K. Hemminghaus,

REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY BOARD TO THE JOINT SYNOD OF OHIO.

Dear Brethren in the Savior:—The Board reappointed at our last meeting met for organization Nov. 1, 1886. Rev. C. H. Rohe was chosen President; Rev. J. Beck, Treasurer; and Rev. L. H. Schuh, Secretary.

That the past two years have been a time of activity and of unusual prosperity, may be seen from the fact, that at our last meeting our obligations were $1,150, now they have increased to $4,500. Furthermore the receipts of this Board during the first two years of its existence were $4,200; during the past two they increased to $5,930.89. In October 1886 there were the names of six missionaries on our list, now there are twenty-seven.

During the past two years the following places have, by our assistance, become self-supporting: Rev. G. W. Lose, Allegheny, Pa.; Rev. H. P. Duborg, Wildwood, Minn.; Rev. W. H. Kahre, Deshler, Neb.; Rev. J. D. Meyer, Watertown, Wis.; Rev. J. N. Wolf, Tacoma, Wash. Ter.

These are the names of pastors who have done missionary labor, either continually or at intervals from Oct. 1886 to Oct. 1888, and also the amounts paid them in this interval:

Revs.	M. L. Baum, Dayton, O	$925 00
	E. G. Tressel, Washington, D. C	400 00
	F. J. Lange, Ludlow, Ind	160 00
	H. Hennigs, Butlerville, O	25 00
	E. Goessling, Loyal, Wis	67 50
	H. Kaufman, Tonawanda, N. Y	30 00
	R. C. Lenski, J. Doermann, } Baltimore, Md	593 15
	J. Moll, Frankenmuth, Mich	25 00
	H. W. Kahre, Deshler, Neb	91 16
	C. Dagefoerde, Manson, Iowa	150 00
	J. M. Koepplin, Crete, Ill	200 00
	G. Yung, Ottawa, Kansas	83 00
	H. P. Duborg, Wildwood, Minn	300 00
	F. N. Wolf, Tacoma, Wash. Ter	50 00
	J. M. Johannes, Carleton, Neb	25 00
	S. J. Winkler, Staunton, Ind	100 00
	L. A. Detzer, Detroit, Mich	750 00
	R. Graetz, Star, Pa	100 00
	C. A. Schaefer, Hastings, Neb	425 00
	H. Rieke, Spokane Falls, Wash. Ter	427 00
	J. Meyer, Watertown, Wis	100 00
	E. Kaiser, St. Paul, Minn	500 00
	C. Buechler, Carleton, Neb	31 00
	O. Meerwein, Parkersburgh, W. Va	100 00
	F. Doescher, New Orleans, La	25 00
	Franklin, O	25 00
	Total	$5707 81

In the same interval the Building Fund has been able to assist the following congregations with the annexed amounts:

Congregation in	Tacoma, Wash. Ter	$25 00
"	Friedensau, Neb	105 00
"	Glenville, Neb	200 00
"	Lima, O	592 44
"	Crete, Ill	35 00
"	Pomeroy, O	50 00
"	Detroit, Mich	700 00
"	St Paul, Minn	200 00
	Total	$1907 44

The total value of papers now in the hands of the Building Fund Treasury is $5,039.44 over against $3,262.99 two years ago. The state of this treasury for the past two years is this:

Receipts	$1866 65
Cash in treasury two years ago	95 99
Total	$1962 64
Expenditures	1907 44
Balance	$55 20

The state of our missionary treasury is as follows:

Receipts	$5930 89
Expenditures	5707 81
Balance	$223 08

Amount due missionaries on salary about $100.

That we have been unable to grant every application made to us, goes without saying. We have done what we could. From the flood of appeals poured in upon us we have chosen what we considered the most promising.

We have been hindered in our operations by a lack of money. We are glad to state, however, that matters are improving in this direction. And yet how little have we done in proportion to our ability and in proportion to the large sums contributed by other churches!

A more serious hindrance, one which so far has proved insurmountable is the lack of men. Many calls sent to us are from places which would require but little money, where, at most, a man would have to be assisted only long enough to perfect an organization. But the supply of pastors has been wholly unequal to the demand. In this extremity we raise the question: What can Synod do to increase the number of its laborers?

We again call attention to the neglected condition of our Building Fund. The value of this fund must be apparent to all. Can Synod devise any means by which it may be increased?

Since Children's Day met with such favor in those congregations and Sunday schools in which it was observed, we suggest that, from henceforth the last Sunday in June be set aside for the observance of a Children's Missionary Service; that on this day pastors make suitable addresses upon our Home Missionary work and that collections be taken up for this purpose.

May the Master, who has given us the commandment to extend His kingdom, bless our deliberations and give us zeal and strength to fulfill His commandment. Amen!

C. H. Rohe, *Pres.*, O. S. Oglesby,
J. Beck, *Treas.*, L. H. Schuh, *Sec'y.*
Theo. Mees,

Canal Winchester, O., Sept. 1, 1888.

REPORT OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE.

Your Committee has in hand

1. The report of the Board of Trustees of our Teachers' Seminary at Woodville, Ohio, and accompanying papers.

2. A letter from joint Teachers' Conference of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Ohio.

1) With reference to the report of the Board of Trustees at Woodville, Ohio, the Committee begs leave to submit the following:

a) Inasmuch as it pleased the Almighty God to remove the faithful President of our Teachers' Seminary, Rev. C. Cronenwett, from the Church Militant to the Church Triumphant, be it

Resolved, That the Synod now proceed to fill the vacancy.

b) The constitution of the Seminary is herewith submitted for adoption.

c) The receipts and disbursements of the Seminary were audited and found correct. We suggest that the Treasurer's report be printed in the Minutes.

d) In order to remove existing difficulties, and to make the Institution what it should be, we recommend

That Director Steinmann be removed from the directorship of the Seminary.

That the Rev. Prof. Theo. Mees be called to the position thus vacated.

That Prof. Steinmann continue as teacher in the Seminary until the Lord shall call him to another field of labor, inasmuch as there are no charges against him making him unworthy of the office.

e) With reference to the recommendation of the Board of Trustees to remit tuition and room rent, we suggest that such favors be granted to all those who are educated as teachers in our Synod. Students having other callings in view, and who attend our school only to acquire the necessary education for such calling, shall be required to pay both tuition and room rent.

f) With reference to the recommendation, touching a third professorship, we refer to the advice given in the second part of our report.

g) As the term of service for three of the trustees expires at this session of Synod, the vacancies are to be filled.

h) Furthermore, we recommend that the report of the Trustees be placed in the archives.

2) As regards the communication of Joint Teachers' Conference, we find therein an urgent request that Joint Synod appoint a third professor at Woodville, and a request to make arrangements for a training school.

With respect to the first item, we submit the following: That whilst we heartily approve of the establishment of a third professorship, as a step in the way of efficiency of our School Teachers' Seminary, yet we are not ready to recommend the establishment of such professorship, until the situation at Woodville is better regulated, when the Board of Trustees, in case of urgent necessity, may establish such third professorship.

With respect to the petition touching a training school for the students, we move that this matter be given into the hands of the trustees, and that they confer with the Evangelical Lutheran Solomon's congregation upon the subject.

Respectfully your Committee,

H. A. Allwardt, J. Beck,
E. Schmid, Geo. H. Dingledey,
G. F. H. Meiser, J. H. Baker.

Ad 1. Synod resolved with reference to § 1 a, concerning the presidency, to transfer the duties of the president to the director.

Ad 1, c. The report of the Treasurer of the Teachers' Seminary at Woodville from November 5, 1886 to July 10, 1888:

RECEIPTS.

Direct from F. J. Heer	$5785 00	
Collections from various congregations and individuals	1124 38	
Boarding from students	1722 75	
		$8632 13

EXPENSES.

Salary for Professors	4564 91	
Building and repairing	234 00	
Provisions, wood and other current expenses	3733 78	
		8532 69
Balance in Treasury		$99 44

Here it is to be remarked that in receiving the books there was a debt of $1700.

There is in the Building Fund	$75 95	
For a cow and stable	54 00	
Library	7 00	
		$136 95

B. S. Otten, *Treas.*

Woodville, O., July 10, 1888.

Ad 1. d. a. α. Concerning a remark made here delegate W. Bruns raised objection. It was resolved to refer the matter to the Board at Woodville.

Ad 1. d. β. Professor Theo. Mees declared, to the joy of all, that he would accept the call extended him as director of our School Teachers' Seminary.

REPORT OF THE FOURTH COMMITTEE.

Brethren of the Joint Synod of Ohio, Greetings:

The documents referred to your committee consisted of the report of the Board of our Seminary of Hickory, N. C., and

b) Rev. E. G. Tressel's answer to the call extended him to become Professor of the Seminary.

The report reads as follows:

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF PRACTICAL SEMINARY BOARD AT HICKORY, N. C.

To Joint Synod of Ohio and Other States, Greetings:

a) By authority of a resolution of Concordia English District, in session at Calvary, Va., 1887, school was opened by Rev. E. G. Tressel, October 19, 1887, at the residence of J. D. Miller, where it continued for two weeks. A house was rented and Rev. Tressel continued to teach until November 25th, 1887. At this time he went home and left school in charge of Rev. L. M. Hunt, who continued to teach till May 18th, 1888.

b) There were four young men (J. L. Kibler, W. M. Kibler, J. M. Senter and L. J. S. Carpenter), who attended the school. They studied *Hutter's Compend of Theology, Dietrich's Catechism, Loy's Theological Encyclopedia, Hart's Rhetoric, Loy's Mental Philosophy* and *German*. Their deportment and progress in studies, as reported by teachers, were very satisfactory.

c) The Board charged nothing for traveling expenses, and teachers labored gratis, except $15.40 to L. M. Hunt. Other expenses:

For board of students	$134 16
For house rent, etc.	17 35
Total	$151 51

d) The present school building cost $6000. It is a large two-story frame building surrounded by a lot of about 13 acres of land well laid off, part of which is under cultivation. On this land there are two other houses. The whole amount has been paid the former owners, but some money is borrowed for which no provision has yet been made.

e) Board offers property to Synod without debt. The congregations of Concordia English District stand responsible for the borrowed money, but hope no objections will be raised to pastors and congregations in other Districts giving some assistance, if they are willing.

The amount given outside of Concordia English District is $2300, one man giving $1900. The prospects for a good school are much better now than two years ago.

f) We request and petition Synod to provide for election of Board, its terms of office and authority; for the support of a

professor, beneficiaries, and for dedication of property to its intended use, and give any other instruction it may see fit.

g) The Board petitions for authority to establish a preparatory Academic department to go before Seminary, for both sexes.

G. A. Brady, L. C. Huffman,
M. L. Carpenter, E. L. S. Tressel,
G. L. Hunt, G. A. Dobler.

A. To this report we, upon proper authority, add the following statements, viz:

1) The action of the Board of our Seminary of Hickory, N. C., in employing Rev. L. M. Hunt as temporary teacher was sanctioned by the Board of our Seminary of Columbus, O.

2) The curriculum of study was outlined by Professor M. Loy, D. D.

B. The brethren of Concordia English District met all the expenses of the Seminary for the first year, therefore we move: That this Synod extends sincere thanks to these brethren, and also to the members of the board, all of whom bore their own traveling expenses.

C. Respecting items d) and e) of the report. We express our joy that such a desirable property has been secured, and we move: The acceptance of the offer of the Board with gratitude to God and our brethren, and that we join in the hope of the Board that no objections will be raised if pastors and congregations of other Districts voluntarily assist them in their worthy undertaking.

D. Respecting item f) we move:

1. That the present Board be continued for the next two years.

2. That this Board, in connection with the professor chosen, make their own statutes, subject to the approval of this Synod at its next meeting.

3. That this Synod assume the support of the professor and fix his salary at $800 per annum.

4. That Synod proceed to elect a professor.

5. That $200 per annum be granted to the Seminary of Hickory, for the aid of beneficiary students.

6. That the dedicatory services be referred to the Board of the Seminary, with the suggestion that the dedication be deferred until a permanent professor is secured.

E. Respecting item g) of the report we move: That this authority be given to the board, providing it involves no additional expense to the Synod.

f) We move: That this Synod gratefully acknowledge the service of Rev. L. M. Hunt, and that he be requested to continue this service until a permanent professor is secured.

C. H. Rohe, C. Gayman,
John Hoerr, D. Cooperrider,
E. Cronenwett, E. L. S. Tressel,
O. S. Oglesby.

At the request of several brethren who wished to know how it happened that this matter had progressed so rapidly and that there was already a property purchased, Rev. E. L. S. Tressel gave the following lengthy explanation:

When in the summer of 1884 I, as Pres. of Concordia District, visited congregations in North Carolina, two young married men came to me, who wished to study theology. They had a fair general education, they were lacking in a knowledge of German only. They were ready to sell their farms and to study at their own expense. On their behalf I applied to the secretary of the theological faculty at Columbus, O., and received the answer that their lack of German was a hindrance to their acceptance there. Since then these young men have likely given up the idea of studying theology; but the matter suggested by this, how an opportunity could be given such English young men to prepare themselves for the work of the Lord, without first acquiring the German language, was not lost sight of. Two years ago our District met in North Carolina and again young men announced themselves who wished to study, but who are too old first to go through our College. On my way home I meditated upon this matter and soon wrote to Dr. Loy whether it would not do to take these young men to Baltimore and to instruct them by myself and other brethren residing there. Also Dr. Loy had hit upon this plan, but the condition of my health and other hindrances prevented its realization. Thus the idea of a practical English theological seminary was developed.

Concerning the property in Hickory, our congregations there had thought of nothing else but to erect a small building for said purpose and to offer the same to Synod. There was, however, an opportunity of securing a suitable property at a cheap price. It was in possession of Romish "Sisters of Charity." These

came into a totally protestant community, to erect a school for the purpose of proselyting. This aroused the prejudice of the commnnity against them, so that they were compelled to leave and offer their property for sale. It has 13 acres of land partly under cultivation, an orchard and vineyard, a frame building two stories high 67x70 with a wing 28x40 ft., two small dwellings, stable, wagon-shed, bake-oven, in short all that is necessary. The whole had cost $13–14,000. It was bought for $6,000. The whole amount is paid, but was partly borrowed. But Concordia district is fully resolved to refund the loan itself and to hand the property over to Joint Synod free of debt. One thing is desirable, that Joint Synod assume the support of the institution, in as much as Concordia assumed much more than was expected two years ago. If Synod wishes to open up a field there, one thing is certainly necessary, it must support the professor.

Hickory is not only healthy, but is located centrally. If we had the whole South to choose from we could find no more suitable place. There are about 3,000 inhabitants there, good railroad and business facilities.

One thing must yet be emphasized, that Lutheranism in the General Synod South is very low. There are in it pastors who hold "revival meetings" and are thoroughly Methodistic. They are our bitter enemies, and have slandered us in an unheard of way. But what has been done, especially the purchasing of this property from which they can see that we are in earnest has done more to silence them than anything else."

ad D. 4. Rev. E. G. Tressel was chosen by Synod as Professor at Hickory. But when he in a later session absolutely refused to accept the call, Rev. H. K. G. Doermann, South Chicago, was unanimously elected to take his place.

In case he should refuse the call then the Board at Hickory is to have full power to make a further choice.

REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE.

Your Committee has in hands: 1. The report of the Publication Board of the Lutheran Book Concern at Columbus, O. 2. A Petition from the Northern District to the Joint Synod of Ohio, etc.

1. Respecting the report of the Board of Publication we rejoice over the reported prosperous condition of our Book Concern. We take the liberty of referring to the introductory remarks to said report, in order that the Synod may rejoice with us over the success of our book business.

After detailing the work done in conformity with the resolutions of Synod and the number of books published, the Publication Board next submits the following propositions to this Synod:

Respecting Item 12, *a*) in which Dr. Loy suggests the publication of a popular exposition of the Augsburg Confession and a brief history of the Reformation in the English language, your Committee moves that this be done and that Dr. Loy be requested to edit the former and Rev. P. A. Peter the latter.

b) That the *Kirchenzeitung* appear as heretofore at $1.00 per annum.

c) The project to publish an English hymn-book with tunes we deem premature under the present circumstances.

d) Respecting the publication of an English book for the confirmed youth, we recommend the publishing of such a book in both languages, but the price is not to exceed 25 cents.

e) We recommend the publication of a Biblical History in both languages, to be as extensive as that of the "Pilger" book house.

f) The issuing of a Primary Book for Sunday-schools we do not consider expedient.

g) Respecting this point we recommend the continuation of the Lesson Leaves and Sonntagschul Blaetter and hope that the editor may have increased success in adapting them still more to the mental capacity of children.

h) With regard hereto, your Committee acquiesce in the proposition of the Board that Joint Synod rescind its resolution respecting the publication of a Book of Sermons on the Gospels in German.

Respecting Item 13 your Committee moves that the summary statement of the Treasury report from April 1, 1886 to April 1, 1888 be now read and in connection therewith call the special attention of Synod to the excessive sum of outstanding monies, amounting to $7,980.25.

Item 14 contains the statement of 27 publications, some

new, other reprints, which have appeared since the last convention of this honorable body.

Item 15 projects the purchasing of a building site for our Book Concern by the Board. Your Committee deems such a purchase imprudent now.

16. We move that a Publication Board be now elected and recommend the re-election of all of the present members of the Board.

17. We concur in the proposition of the Board to re-elect the present Agent Mr. J. L. Trauger, he having stated to the Board that he would hereafter devote all his time and energy to the business of our Book Concern.

18. We move that the report of the Publication Board together with the treasury accounts be spread upon our minutes, and that Synod tender a vote of thanks to the members of the Board for their faithful and efficient services.

19. Your Committee has also in hand a petition submitted by the Northern District of the Joint Synod of Ohio and other States, favoring the formation of a Tract Society. Your Committee is not convinced of the expediency of such an organization and reccommends instead that our Publication Board issue small, cheap, penny tracts at short intervals upon the class of topics proposed in the petition.

Respectfully your Committee,

THEO. MEES,	B. F. SCHILLINGER,
C. HUEBNER,	S. A. GAST,
H. J. REIMANN,	J. MICHELFELDER.

ad. b. The original motion of the committee was that the "Kirchen-Zeitung" appear weekly at $1.50 per annum, so that each issue could contain a few columns of reading matter suited to the family circle; that no companion papers appear with the "Kirchen-Zeitung." Both opinions that the "Kirchen-Zeitnug" appear weekly and that it alternate with a companion paper found advocates, but the result of the debate was that the paper appear as heretofore, but at the price of $1.00 per annum.*

* The advocates of a companion paper and those who desire the more frequent appearance of the "Kirchen-Zeitung" held a meeting during Synod and resolved upon issuing a family paper. All arrangements are perfected so that it will appear after January next.

ad d. It was left to the Publication Board to select editors for these works.

ad e. The Publication Board was re-elected and Rev. Werder was added to the same.

ad m. *Resolved*, that Synod hereby declare that the Publication Board has power to depose.

The following resolutions respecting publications were handed in and adopted:

That a Biblical History for small children be published in both languages.

That the Large Catechism of Luther be printed separately.

That the Baltimore Conference be added to the already existing committee for the publication of an English Liturgy.

Since the committee had overlooked the nomination of editors for the various publications, it was instructed to do so yet. Later the following report was handed in and adopted:

a) We regret what our venerable President, Dr. M. Loy, who has so ably conducted the editorship of the *Lutheran Standard* for 25 years, feels it impossible to longer attend to the duties of this position and it is only at his urgent request that we relieve him of this office.

We propose the election of Prof. A. Pflueger as editor in chief of the *Lutheran Standard*.

b) We propose the election of all the other editors.

Respectfully, your Committee,

THEO. MEES.,
H. J. REIMANN, *Sec'y*.

REPORT OF THE PUBLISHING BOARD OF THE LUTHERAN BOOK CONCERN, COLUMBUS, O., 1886–1888.

DEAR BRETHREN: — In offering to you our biennial report of the work of the Board and of the Book Concern, to the general guardianship of which you have elected us, we feel moved to express our thankfulness to God and ask you to unite your thanksgiving with ours for the rich measure of divine blessing that has rested upon this branch of Joint Synod's work. We have planted and watered: God has given the increase. We have striven to be loyal and, to discharge our arduous and responsible tasks with conscientious fidelity. But while we

cannot flatter ourselves that we have made no mistakes and have not come short of our whole duty in many respects, we bless our gracious Lord and Master who, in spite of our faults and errors, have granted our Book Concern, during the past two years, a season of unparalleled prosperity. We think it but just to say that, under the benign blessing and merciful protection of God, this prosperous condition is due largely to the wise management and efficient services of our agent, Mr. J. L. Trauger, and of his assistants, Messrs. Fred. J. Heer and L. Brunn, together with their corps of faithful workmen. On an average, thirty persons (men and women) find employment during the year at our Concern.

The financial statement of our Concern shows conclusively that, in its three departments, book, printing, and bindery, — much work has been done, and that the work rendered has been crowned with financial success.

Permit us now to call your attention to the following summary statement of our work, a fuller account of which appears on the pages of our minutes:

1. The brethren elected at the last convention of Joint Synod to constitute the Publication Board met October 21, 1886, and organized by appointing Rev. J. Beck, Chairman, and the undersigned, Secretary. Twelve meetings have been held. Messrs. J. H. Spielman and Wm. Gruebler, were chosen Executive Committee of the Board.

2. Professors C. H. L. Schuette and A. Pflueger, desiring to be released from the task of preparing the Book of English Sermons on the Gospel Lessons, to which they were appointed by Jt. Synod, Dr. M. Loy was, with his own consent, appointed in their stead.

3. The Board, authorized by Joint Synod to publish a volume of German Sermons on the Gospels, appointed Rev. C. H. Rohe compiler.

4. In pursuance of instructions from the same authority, *Little Missionary* was called into being January 1, 1886, with the undersigned as editor. Whilst the circulation of this monthly missionary paper is encouraging and sufficient to warrant its continuance, we think it ought to receive a much larger support from the English reading members of our Church.

5. *Kinderfreude* was the name given to the German monthly for children, and Rev. E. A. Boehme was chosen editor.

6. At the request of the Board, Dr. M. Loy assumed the task of furnishing a revision of the old English Prayer Book, published some years ago by several pastors of the Ohio Synod.

7. Rev. L. H. Schuh was appointed associate editor (with Rev. J. H. Schneider) of English Christmas books, in place of Rev. G. W. Lose, resigned. Rev. A. W. Werder and G. F. H. Meiser remain editors of German Christmas books.

8. Prof. Theo. Mees and Messrs. J. H. Spielman and H. Schmidt were appointed a committee to revise the Cantica Sacra for a new edition. We trust that, with the valuable additions made, the book will enjoy even a more rapid and extensive sale than did the first edition.

9. Mr. J. L. Gruber was appointed to revise and enlarge the Schulharfe.

10. After prolonged debate and consultation, a definite plan was finally adopted for the preparation of the English Commentary on the Bible, and an author was secured in the person of Prof. F. W. Stellhorn. He is proceeding with the work as rapidly as his time and strength will allow.

11. The teachers of our schools in Detroit, Michigan, were appointed a committee to take in hand the manuscript prepared by Prof. A. H. Lindemann, select suitable material from the same and complete the work of the First German Reader. The same committee was appointed to prepare the Second German Reader.

12. The following projects we would respectfully refer to Joint Synod for action:

a) A suggestion by Dr. M. Loy with reference to the publication in the English language of a popular exposition of the Augsburg Confession and a brief History of the Reformation.

b) A request of the Eastern District with reference to the publication of a *Beiblatt fuer Unterhaltung* in connection with the *Kirchenzeitung*.

c) The publication of an edition of our English Hymnal with tunes.

d) The preparation in English of a Book for our Confirmed Youth.

We further recommend

e) That Biblical Histories of the Old and New Testament be published in German and English.

f) That a Primary Book for Sunday schools be issued in German and English.

g) That these Biblical Histories and Primary Book supplant the Lesson Leaves, the latter being discontinued when the former are issued.

h) With reference to the publication in German of a book of Sermons on the Gospels, we would recommend that Joint Synod either rescind its resolution altogether, or publish instead a book of Sermons on pertinent Topics of the Times.

13. Quarterly and annual reports have been faithfully submitted by our Agent, examined by the Board and spread upon the Minutes. A summary statement of the Book Concern from April 1, 1886, to April 1, 1888, is appended to this report.

14. The following is a list of the books and pamphlets published under the direction of the Board since the last meeting of Joint Synod:

1. Almanac. German and English. 1888.
2. Lesson Leaves. German and English.
3. Kinderlust. Vols. 3 and 4.
4. Fibel. 2d Edition.
5. Biblische Geschichten. Huebner. 2d Edition.
6. Mission Tracts in German. (By Rev. W. Werder.)
7. Close Communion. (Tract by Rev. G. T. Cooperrider.)
8. Sunlight for Home. (Christmas Book.)
9. Heart and Hearth. (Christmas Book.)
10. Christmas Liturgy. German and English.
11. Geschichten zu den Evangelien.
12. Antiphonen for German Hymn Book.
13. Bits of Joy for Little Ones. (Christmas Book.)
14. Children's Half Hour. (Christmas Book.)
15. Eine Weihnachtsgabe.
16. German Hymn Book. Small Edition.
17. Geschichten fuer Feiertage.
18. Middle German Hymn Book. New Edition.
19. Little Treasure of Prayers. Revised Edition.
20. Collection of Prayers. Edited by Dr. M. Loy.
21. Sermons on the Gospels. By Dr. M. Loy.
22. Hymns for Missionary Festivals. German and English.
23. Sunday School Hymnal. New Edition.
24. English Hymnal. New Edition.

25. Schulharfe. Revised Edition.
26. Catechism. German and Engtish.
27. Cantica Sacra. Revised Edition.

15. We would recommend and request Joint Synod to authorize the Publication Board to buy a suitable lot in Columbus for the future erection of our own building, as soon as in the judgment of the Board it can be done with advantage and safety.

16. A Publication Board is to be elected at this Convention.

17. We would recommend and move the re-election of our present agent, J. L. Trauger.

18. The Minutes of our proceedings are submitted to Synod.

For the Board,

E. PFEIFFER, *Sec'y.*

DELAWARE, O., Sept. 3, 1888.

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF THE LUTHERAN BOOK CONCERN FROM APRIL 1, 1886 TO APRIL 1, 1888.

ASSETS.

Invoice Book Department April 1,	1887	$7746 52
" " " "	1888	9456 47
" Printing " "	1887	7279 14
" " " "	1888	6313 33
" Bindery " "	1887	4561 94
" " " "	1888	4895 73
Cash on hand and in bank April 1,	1887	3064 88
" " " " "	1888	2588 57
Accounts receivable April 1,	1887	7780 46
" " "	1888	7980 25

LIABILITIES.

Accounts payable April 1,	1887	$1307 45
" " "	1888	2108 86
Capital Stock "	1887	29125 49
" " "	1888	29125 49

REPORT OF "LUTH. STANDARD" AND "KIRCHENZEITUNG."

Net gain on *Standard* and *Kirchenzeitung*	1886–1887	$1961 19
" " "	1887–1888	3016 86
Surplus 2 years		$4978 05
Total net gain of Book Concern	1886–1887	4068 80
" " " "	1887–1888	10101 35
Surplus transferred to Institution Treasury 2 years		$14170 15

J. L. TRAUGER, *Manager.*

REPORT OF SIXTH COMMITTEE.

Your committee has in hand the Minutes of Joint Synod of 1886 and those of the different Districts since that time, also a communication from the Teachers' Conference.

We call attention to the following:

1. According to resolution of Joint Synod two years ago all the districts composing the same, have discussed the matter of a Delegate Synod. The Northwestern and the Concordia English Districts favored the Delegate Synod plan. Whereas the remaining four Districts voted against it. We recommend

a) That Synod decide the matter now.

b) In case the Honorable Synod should not adopt the Delegate System, we recommend, in order that there may be a more general attendance and that Synod may be more easily entertained, the adoption of some suitable plan.

We would call attention to the plan suggested by the Northern and the First English District, *vide* Minutes of the Northern District, page 38, and communication from Secretary of the First English District.

2. On page 65 of the minutes of the Western District of 1887, and on page 54 of the Minutes of the Eastern District of 1888, Joint Synod is asked to make provision that one-half of the money contributed for Seminary Library at Columbus be equally divided between the Woodville and Afton Seminaries. We recommend that two-fifths of this money go to Columbus and one-fifth to Woodville, Afton and Hickory each.

3. On page 31 of this year's Minutes of Eastern District, Joint Synod is advised to appoint a colporteur, and the Secretary of the English District sends a request that one of the Professors in our institutions at Columbus be appointed to visit our congregations in the interests of our institutions.

We believe that our pastors are the best representatives in both these capacities.

4. The Northern District moves that chapter 4, paragraph 2 of the Constitution of Joint Synod be reconsidered. The Northwestern District is in favor of giving our parochial school teachers the right of suffrage. The teachers' conference has petitioned for this privilege.

We recommend that this point be reconsidered.

5. On page 41 of this year's Minutes of Concordia English District, pastor Lose and his St. Paul's congregation of Allegheny City, Pa., who had petitioned said District for a dismissal from the same to the First English District, was referred to Joint Synod.

Since this congregation is situated on the line between the two English Districts, and the change seems advantageous to the congregation, we move that the request be granted.

Respectfully your Committee,

W. Steinmann, A. Dietrich,
P. G. Schmogrow, John Wirth,
F. W. A. Liefeld, B. Richter, M. D.,
Geo. Weber.

Ad 1. With reference to this there was resolved that this point be laid on the table till the next meeting of Joint Synod, since there was not the necessary time to enter upon it fully. At the same time it was resolved to refer this matter to the districts again and to call their attention to the proposed changes.

Ad 3. The first point here mentioned was referred to the Publication Board, and the second to the Board of Directors at Columbus. Respecting the first point Agent Trauger stated that Mr. R. Herther of New Washington, O., has already for 6 months been working in the interests of our Book Concern, without any expense to the house. He has labored successfully. In the Northern District he has visited nearly all the congregations and he desires an entrance into other districts. He can be warmly recommended.

Ad 4. This point also was laid on the table till the next session of Joint Synod.

REPORT OF THE SEVENTH COMMITTEE.

To the Joint Synod of Ohio and other States.

Your Committee, having the reports of the Board and the Treasurer of the Wernle Orphans' Home in hand, would report to your honorable body as follows:

1. Our Orphans' Home has also in the last two years been signally blessed by a bountiful God and has enjoyed His providential protection. We have all reasons to render our hearty

thanks to a gracious God, and to ask Him in His mercy to continue His blessed care in the future also.

2. In the report of the Treasurer from October 1, 1886 to September 1, 1888 the principal data are these:

Total income	$11,665 14
Total expenses	10,831 60
Remaining in the treasury	$833 54

This Report was examined by the Committee and compared with the vouchers and found correct throughout.

3. We recommend that the Treasurer, Mr. Koetter, receive the heartfelt thanks of the Synod for the conscientious discharge of his arduous duties, and that such thanks be extended also to the congregation at Richmond, which has done so much for the prosperity and growth of the Orphans' Home.

4. We have seen that at the request of the congregation at Richmond, Ind., the profits of the annual Orphans' Festival is not used for the current expenses of the Home, but for necessary repairs etc. as these have been ordered from time to time by the Board of Directors. We move,

a) that this be sanctioned;

b) that, however, no monies be put into this treasury which are received from the Synod in general, as, e. g. bequests, etc.;

c) that a report of *this* treasury also be made every two years to the Joint Synod and be printed with the Minutes, so that a better general insight into *all* the financial transactions of our Orphans' Home can be gained.

5. We advise the purchase of the 58 acres of land mentioned in the report of the Board, but under the condition, that thereby Synod does not incur any debt.

6. As the term of office of four directors, namely Rev. P. A. Peter, Mr. J. Schmidt, Mr. D. Salziger and Mr. J. Eggemeyer, has expired, we move that these vacancies be again filled by an election.

7. We recommend that the report of the Board of Directors be printed with the Minutes of Joint Synod.

Respectfully your Committee,

G. Mochel,
P. M. Reidenbach,
G. H. Schodde,
C. H. Mayer,
H. K. G. Doermann,
W. H. Bruns,
Wm. Siebert.

FIFTH REPORT OF WERNLE ORPHAN'S HOME AT RICHMOND, IND., FROM OCTOBER 1, 1886 TO SEPTEMBER 1, 1888.

Beloved friends in the Lord!—Two years of joint activity have passed away, and I now prepare for the honorable Synod as well as for the many friends of our institution my fifth report. I have the following to submit:

On the fourth day of May nine years ago our institution was solemnly dedicated. For nine years there stands in Richmond an Orphan's Home, which in an impressive manner proclaims the wonderful aid and rich blessing of God as well as the power of Christian charity.

During the nine years 191 children were received into the Home, of which number 115 were boys and 76 girls. After 23 of these were 18 years of age and self-dependent boys and girls, they were honorably dismissed: the girls receiving $35.00 and the boys the same amount and a watch.

Two boys listened to the Tempter and left before they were of age, thereby forfeiting the $35.00 and watch. Our rule is that boys after confirmation are indentured until their eighteenth year with Christian families of the Ev. Luth. Church and that they receive for the first year $2.00 per month and clothing, for the second year $3.00 per month and clothing, and from then until their eighteenth year $4.00 per month and clothing.

The wages are paid into the treasury by the Superintendent, and from the treasury those children who have remained faithful until their eighteenth year receive the above mentioned amount of $35.00.

Since my last report 57 children were announced for reception into the Home and of these petitions 9 could not be granted.

Twenty-nine children were confirmed, to-wit: 20 boys and 9 girls, of which number some were bound out to work and others remained in service at the Home, helping the house-parents in the work of the large family. Besides these there are employed 7 girls and 2 boys, so that no servants are hired.

One young man is attending our college at Columbus and two others are attending our School-Teachers' Seminary at Woodville.

All the children bound out and those attending school follow the path in which they have been taught to go. We have seen some return who have been led astray by the Tempter.

Seventeen children for whom board was paid, were returned to their parents and guardians. At present there are 112 children in this institution, viz: 48 girls and 64 boys, of which number 96 are receiving excellent instruction. The health of the children during the past years has indeed been very good. At one time measles were epidemic, during which time 20 beds were occupied.

God our heavenly Father, gave them their strength again in a short time; but it pleased Him to inflict deep sorrow upon the house-parents. On the 16th of February, A. D. 1887, our merciful Father in heaven took their youngest child from this vale of tears to the land of heavenly bliss. This little girl was the first seed for immortality sown in God's acre near the Home.

In 1888 while playing with some of the children the youngest son of the house-parents lost an eye. However God gave them strength and power, so that they could bear this sorrow with patience and resignation to His will.

Considering all the difficulties which the house-parents of our Orphan's Home are called upon to encounter year after year and the success which has attended them in this institution, we have reason to thank God that He has preserved their health up to the present time. May our faithful Lord continue to grant unto them His grace, that they may administer the difficult and yet so blessed an office with which they have been intrusted to the welfare of the orphans!

At the usual annual examination at the Orphans' school, the happy and cheerful-looking pupils showed by their distinct and precise answers how carefully they had been instructed in Christian doctrine and in the common branches of a good elementary school. The school bore testimony for the order and good discretion of the teacher and the diligence of the pupils.

The house with four new verandas and a new coat of paint now is an ornament to the city. The cemetery was solemnly consecrated on the day of the Orphans' festival, May 8th 1887, attended by a large concourse of visitors to the same. Our Orphan festivals, favored by the finest weather, were attended in the two past years by a large number of friends of the orphans and large collections were realized for the treasury of the Home. The yield of fields and garden was very good. It would however, be of great advantage to the Orphans' Home, if we would

buy some more land. The Board of Directors desires that Synod purchase 58 acres of land adjoining ours which may be bought for a moderate sum.

Concerning the receipts and expenditures, I would refer Synod to the detailed reports of the Treasurer of the Home. The live stock consists of two horses, one pony, four cows, three heifers, twenty-two hogs, chickens, ducks, geese and pigeons.

In conclusion it is my duty to inform Synod that the terms of office of Rev. P. A. Peter and Messrs. J. Schmidt, F. Salziger and J. Eggemeyer have expired.

I will now close my report with the words of the Psalmist: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. To all friends and donors of the institution, to the different congregations and the Ladies' Societies, and to individuals, I would say in the name of the orphans a cordial, "May God reward you."

As an encouragement to the work of the Lord, I would call the attention of all to the words of our dear Savior: "Whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me," and to the other words of the great Friend of children, "Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Respectfully submitted,

H. WICKEMEYER,

Richmond, Ind., September 1, 1888.

A communication of Rev. A. Liefeld concerning the founding of a new Orphans' Home in Illinois was also referred to this committee. The report as it was finally adopted reads as follows:

Your Committee begs leave to report as follows concerning the request of Rev. A. Liefeld to be allowed to collect money for the founding of an Orphans' Home:

That this whole matter be referred to the Northwestern District with power to act. YOUR COMMITTEE.

REPORT OF THE EIGHTH COMMITTEE.

Your committee has in hand the Reports of the Boards of Directors of our Seminary and College at Columbus. From these Reports we see that our Institutions in general in the past two years, have been in a flourishing condition — that they

were blessed, and a blessing for which we have every reason to thank the Great Head of the Church.

1. *In regard to the Report of the Seminary-Board*, we would merely state that

a) As matters pertaining to the Practical Seminary at Hickory, N. C., have been given into the hands of a special committee, we take no further notice of this matter.

b) We call attention to the fact, that the time of four Directors has expired, and that the seat of one member has been declared vacant, thus leaving an unexpired term of two years to to be filled. We propose in this connection, that a committee be appointed to nominate a double number of candidates for these offices.

2. *In regard to the Report of the College Board*,

a) We would recommend that their transactions and resolutions, as far as reported to us, be approved.

b) We learn with pleasure of the interest taken by our alumni in their alma mater — an interest which moved them to present so substantial and acceptable a gift.

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Finally we would direct special attention to the call of our Boards, for a still more energetic support of our institutions at Columbus, and would move that these reports of our Boards be printed in our Minutes.

Respectfully, your Committee,

C. F. W. Brecht, George Long,
J. A. Schulze, L. Loy,
P. A. Peter, PhilipSchmidt,
L. H. Burry.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SEMINARY AT COLUMBUS, OHIO.

Grace and Peace be unto you:—We report with joy to an honorable Synod that we have again abundant cause to honor and praise God the Lord through Jesus Christ. In His great goodness and mercy He watched over our Seminary, and guarded it against misfortune. He gave His blessing to the work of our Seminary, and bestowed much good upon it. Under His guidance, protection and defence the work of educating young men for the holy ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church was continued. The blessing of an orthodox Evangelical Lutheran Seminary is unspeakably great. Such a seminary God gave us in His mercy. Let us pray Him to grant us His Holy Spirit to honor and praise Him for this blessing.

In the school year from September, 1886, to July, 1887, there were 29 students in our Seminary; of these two are Norwegians. At the end of the year, 8 of them were examined, and being found well qualified for the ministry, they were recommended for ordination. The two Norwegian students entered into the service of the church among the Norwegians, and all the others in our Synod. In the school year from September, 1887, to July, 1888, there were 25 students in our Seminary. Towards the end of the year 12 of them were examined and recommended for ordination. They are all already serving the Church. Since the last meeting of Joint Synod there were in all 54 students in our Seminary, of which 20 were sent into the vineyard of the Lord—and yet there is room. This is an exhortation to all of us not to become weary in the work of our Lord.

The health of the students was good; their deportment and diligence satisfactory.

We cannot forbear to call the attention of all the members of Synod to the fact, that it is the duty of every one to do all he can to procure more students for our Seminary. At present we are not at all able to meet all the demands which are made. Let us pray the Lord for laborers for His vineyard, and prosecute the work committed to us with all zeal and diligence.

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gregations would not give him a dismissal. Pursuant to a resolution of last meeting of Joint Synod (Minutes, page 26) this Seminary Board called Rev. E. G. Tressel as professor for said Seminary, December 14, 1886. But as he could not accept the call, Rev. J. H. Schneider, of Circleville, Ohio, was unanimously called December 13, 1887. He did not accept the call as his congregation would not let him go. As it was supposed that Rev. E. G. Tressel could at this time accept a call to Hickory, he was again unanimously called June 19, 1888.

We would also state that the English Practical Seminary was opened by Rev. E. G. Tressel with 4 students on the 19th of October 1887. In December, 1887, the Board of said Seminary appointed Rev. L. M. Hunt as temporary professor, which action was approved by this Board in the meeting of December 13, 1887.

It is the conviction of the Seminary Board that Mr. J. Klingler can no longer be a member of the same, inasmuch as the congregation of Butler, Pa., declared him as having excluded himself from said congregation. We would, therefore, request the honorable Joint Synod to elect another one for the unexpired part of his time of office, viz. 2 years.

We would also inform the honorable Synod that the time of office of Rev. Prof. M. Loy, D. D., and the Revs. G. F. H. Meiser, J. Beck and D. Simon, as members of this Board, is expired, and that 4 members are to be elected.

The triune God who has hitherto been with us, and has so abundantly blessed our institution, graciously remember us in time to come for Christ's sake.

By order of the Seminary Board.

Respectfully submitted,

G. Mochel, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CAPITAL UNIVERSITY.

The Board of Trustees of Capital University takes the liberty to submit the following report:

A. IN GENERAL.

During the period that has intervened between the last convention of Joint Synod and the present one, the work of our Institution has proceeded with gratifying results. Whilst the number of students has not increased, as we might have wished,

the prospects are favorable. Truly, there is yet room. May the Lord of the Church continue to increase the number of such young men as shall have a desire to enter our Institution with a view to obtaining a thorough scientific and above all Christian training.

B. IN PARTICULAR.

The Normal course has not been put in operation for the simple reason that there were no applicants for it.

The work in the College and Grammar school progressed satisfactorily, the only draw-back being the irregularity of preparation on the part of those desiring to enter the Freshman class, thus necessitating extra work, which ought to be avoided if possible, The conduct of the students, in general has been good.

There being an urgent demand for some "Physical apparatus," the Board approved of the action of the Faculty in appropriating $150 for the purchase of the most necessary instruments.

In April of last year the Board approved of the sale of the 50 acres of land adjoining the College ground for the sum of $6000, and authorized the Executive Committee to execute a deed for the same.

In June of 1887 the *Alumni* of Capital University purchased several *lots* adjoining the University grounds, and presented the same to your Board, so that now the "College Campus" includes an area of 18 acres.

The Board resolved that the degree of A. M. be awarded only to those who demonstrate their ability, by their publications, or by a written dissertation on some fitting subject to be examined by the Faculty and, if at all possible to appear in print.

We call the attention of Synod especially to the following resolutions of the Board.

1) *Resolved*, That our Institutions be advertised on the cover of Minutes of District Synods.

2) *Resolved*, That this Board petition Joint Synod to publish a Catalogue representing all of our Institutions, the Catalogue to be issued in both the German and English language.

3) *Resolved*, That with reference to the 50 cent plan the Treasurer be instructed to send statements of standing of pastors and charges to the District Presidents twice a year, and that the Presidents be asked to call delinquents to an account. It

was further resolved, that the President of Joint Synod be requested to write to the respective district Presidents touching the same subject.

In the latter part of January last (early in the morning of January 30th) a fire in the library had gained such headway that for a time it seemed that the College building was doomed. Fortunately the fire was discovered soon enough to be extinguished, not, however, without the most extraordinary and self-sacrificing exertion of the inmates of the house. Through the mercy of God the destruction of the entire building was prevented. The loss was considerable however, covered fully by insurance, as regards the injury to the building, but not as to the library. Many old and valuable books being burned which can not be replaced. How the fire originated is a mystery to this day.

At our last Commencement day the pastors and charges in and around Columbus inaugurated a new feature on that occasion, by holding a grand festival in the afternoon, which in every way was a pronounced success. The Board resolved, that such mode and manner of holding Commencement day be the order every year.

At a special meeting of the Board held August 8, 1888, the resignation of Prof. Theo. Mees as Professor of Latin and Hebrew in our College was laid before the Trustees. After hearing the reasons assigned for urging its acceptance, the Board reluctantly and with deep sorrow accepted the resignation. The vacancy has not as yet been filled.

Respectfully submitted by order of the Board of Trustees,

J. Beck, *Sec'y.*

REPORT OF THE NINTH COMMITTEE.

Your Committee which has in hand the report of the Board of Trustees of the Afton Practical Seminary, reports the following:

1. Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is greatly to be praised that this newly founded institution has not only become firmly established, but has also been visibly blessed. We greatly rejoice that both teachers and students worked diligently, and lived together harmoniously.

2. With reference to Prof. W. Schmidt, your Committee recommends that the action of the Board be approved, inasmuch as the vacated rooms will soon be needed for new students.

3. The wish that a Joint Catalogue be issued giving the names of all Professors and students in our institutions, meets our approval; therefore your Committee recommends the publication of such a catalogue by Synod.

4. The term of office of Revs. H. A. Allwardt, J. Vollmar, and Mr. Bremer, as members of the Board having expired, we recommend a new election.

5. The Treasurer's report is found correct. With the prayer that God's rich blessings may continue to rest upon our school at Afton, we are respectfully,

Your Committee,

H. A. Schmidt, P. G. Doepken,
H. L. Ridenour, Jacob Bayha,
G. Dillmann, Geo. Snyder.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF THE PRACTICAL SEMINARY AT AFTON, MINN.

In the name of the Board of the Practical Seminary the undersigned submit to Synod the following report:

The work of this institution has progressed since the last meeting of this body. The dear Lord has watched over our institution and has graciously preserved the health of teachers and pupils so that the work could proceed unhindered from day to day. Among the teachers there was perfect concord, so necessary for success. The diligence and conduct of the students were, in general, satisfactory. Thanks to God for all!

The number of students has grown from year to year. In the scholastic year from September 1886 to June 1887 there were 21 pupils in the school, 7 in the seminary and 14 in the pro-seminary. Three of the students, after a satisfactory examination, entered the holy ministry, 2 into our Synod and 1 into the Norwegian. Unfortunately one student had to be expelled. In the last school year there were 28 students in the institution, 10 in the seminary and 18 in the pro-seminary. One student, however, was dismissed and another voluntarily withdrew, so that but one candidate could stand an examination and enter the

office of the ministry. This, of course, is little, far too little for our wants. But the graduating classes hereafter will be larger.

In the new school year beginning with September 13, the number of students will surpass 30 considerable, since before the close of the last year already 10 had applied for admission. The prospects are that the building cannot hold all and the Board has made provision that none shall be excluded for lack of room.

Prof. W. Schmidt, on account of his health, was compelled already in the last year to move out of the seminary, which would have taken place at any rate in the following school year. Since he thus lost the rent of a house the Board resolved to raise his salary from $500 to $900. He still retains the supervision of the seminary household.

During these two years various repairs had to be made; double windows had to be procured and the floor in the upper lecture room had to be relaid. It was also resolved to paint the ceilings of all the rooms, the windows, doors and the veranda, to put base-boards in all the basement rooms, to partition off the hall of the basement with a view of gaining a sleeping room, and to build a cistern.

Further it was resolved to petition Joint Synod that instead of the customary catalogue for Capital University, to issue one catalogue in which the officers and students of all our institutions are recorded.

It was also resolved that the Board petition Synod that a part of the money flowing into the library at Columbus be given to Afton and Woodville for library purposes.

Finally the attention of Synod is called to the fact that the time of the Revs. H. A. Allwardt and J. Vollmar and of Mr. J. H. Bremer as members of the Seminary Board has expired.

The Lord God be with us in the future and bless our institution to the upbuilding of His kingdom on earth!

In the name of the Board,

H. Eisenbach, *Sec'y.*

September 1888. H. A. Allwardt, *Pres't.*

P. S. The condition of the treasury is to be reported as follows:

I. From November 16, 1886, to June 29, 1887.

a. *Seminary Household Treasury.*

Total receipts	$950 18
Total expense	833 55
In treasury June 29	$116 63

b. *Institution Treasury.*

Receipts	$3187 63
Expenses	3192 83
Deficit	$5 20

A part of this expense was for debts of the preceding year.

c. *Treasury for Poor Students.*

Receipts	$62 45
Expenses	59 25
In treasury	$3 20

II. From July 1887 to June 20, 1888.

a. *Seminary Household Treasury.*

On hand	$116 63	
Receipts	1136 29	
		$1252 92
Expense for household	$948 69	
For repairs, etc.	205 78	
		$1154 47
In treasury June 20		$98 45

b. *Institution Treasury.*

Receipts	$2237 82
Expenses	$2237 82

c. *Treasury for Poor Students.*

Receipts	$86 97
Expenses	70 08
In treasury	$16 89

d. *Library Treasury.*

Receipts	$30 00
Expenses	30 25
Deficit	25

REPORT OF THE TENTH COMMITTEE.

Your committee recommend.

1) That Revs. F. W. Althoff, C. A. Schaefer, S. Baechler, J. F. Lautenschlager, A. C. Ulrich and teachers, A. Sparkull, H. Rupp and R. O. Kieling be excused for coming late.

2) That Revs. Prof. A. Pflueger, G. H. Hunt, J. Dornbirer, W. F. Seeger, H. Bock, G. A. Harter, W. J. Schroyer, C. Buechler, C. E. Herbst, H. Dagefoerde, H. Eisenbach, G. Kittel, A. J. Feger, M. Moll, A. F. Rohr, J. Krieger, G. Schmogrow, P. S. Swinehart, Prof. H. Ernst, P. Born, J. M. Koepplin, L. H. Hunt, F. N. Wolf, M. L. Carpenter, J. M. Meissner, P. H. Mueller, F. W. Damrow, A. Eberbach, S. Poppen, A. G. Reichert, C. Dagefoerde, R. Graetz, F. H. Patzer, A. B. Weber, C. Gohdes, M. C. Hecht, G. Doepken, W. Kissel, W. C. Lembke, H. Kaufman, F. W. Loewenstein, A. Stein, C. Reichert, W. Mueller, J. F. Doescher, G. Grombach, G. Loewenstein, E. Winterhoff, F. C. Becker, E. A. Young, R. Knoll, J. Bauch, H. Willert, F. C. Besel, G. Yung, H. Borke, H. Koenig, E. Gerfen, A. H. Feldmann, C. Volz, G. Baughman, C. H. Haase, M. C. H. Hein, G. Kaempflein, J. D. Meyer, F. J. Lange, G. Bastian, M. H. Hockman, be excused for not attending Synod.

3) A. Stumpf, P. A. Dapper, J. H. Behrens, O. Willert, J. H. Scharnberg, be excused for not attending Synod.

4) That the following congregations be excused for not sending delegates: Warren, O., Greenville, O., Springfield, O., Baltimore, Md., Columbiana, Ohio, Mount Washington, Pa., Lima, O., Huntington, Ind., Somerset, O., South Chicago, Ill., Dayton, O., Crete, Ill., Circleville, O., St. Paul, Minn., Detroit, Mich., Willow, Dell, O., Olean, Ind., Salem, Md., New Rochester, O., Covington, O., Holland, Ind., East Saginaw, Mich., Cardington, O., St. Johns, Grove City, O., Upper Tract, Pendleton Co. W. Va., Watertown, Wis., Ludlow, Ind., Oak Harbor, O., Christ Church, Detroit, Oshkosh, Wis., Patricksburg, Ind.

5) That Pastors, Prof. E. Schmid, O. Priwer, J. Beck, T. H. Jaeger, A. Birch, Prof. Theo. Mees, teacher J. Bergener and delegate G. A. Uber, be excused for leaving Synod before it closed.

6) That all those ministers, congregations and teachers who failed to send in their excuses for not attending Synod be reminded of their duty. Your Committee,

F. W. Althoff, A. Boes,
A. Birch.

REPORT OF THE ELEVENTH COMMITTEE.

The Eleventh Committee has in hands a question presented to Synod by the Local Conference of Detroit, Mich. The question asks whether members of secret societies may be admitted to the Holy Supper before they have renounced all connections with these godless institutions?

In answer we would recommend to Synod for adoption the following:

a) The rule among us must be and ever remain that members of secret societies cannot be received as members of our congregations nor may they continue their membership or be admitted to the Holy Supper an indefinite length of time.

b) Whether a member of the lodge of whom it is evident that he has no sympathy with their false religion, and is accordingly living in a sin of weakness, shall be admitted once or twice to the Holy Supper whilst he is being instructed on the subject of his error is a question that must be left to the final decision of the individual pastor.

C. H. L. Schuette, D. Simon,
F. W. Stellhorn, A. W. Werder.
Wm. Schmidt,

Ad b. was laid on the table till the next meeting of Joint Synod.

REPORT OF THE TWELFTH COMMITTEE.

Your Committee has in hand the account of the General Treasurer, together with the report of the Auditing Committee, in reference to which your Committee would make the following remarks:

a) We have found the books of the treasurer in good order and the report of the Auditing Committee to be correct. We propose that the report of the treasurer and the Auditing Committee be printed in our minutes.

b) With pleasure we report, that the current expenses of all our institutions have been defrayed up to September 1, 1888, and that there is yet a balance in the treasury. For this happy condition of our financial affairs, we are largely indebted to our

treasurer who borrowed $25,508.19 on his own responsibility, in order to meet the demands made on our treasury, at the proper time. We herewith express our heartfelt thanks to Mr. F. J. Heer.

c) Inasmuch as the treasurer refers to the fact, that some of our pastors do not quite understand the 50 cent plan, your Committee would refer them to the resolution of Synod in the minutes of 1884.

1. That the treasurer keep a ledger into which he enter according to the above apportionment the amount to be expected by each congregation, by which the activity of the congregation in this direction is to be regulated and becomes manifest.

2. That the treasurer be required, in case of negligence on the part of the pastor, to send him a quarterly statement to urge him to greater activity.

3. That the way and manner of collecting these monies be left to the judgment of the respective congregations.

4. That all monies collected be sent to the treasurer and that as soon as possible after the beginning of the school year.

d) Since, according to the report of the treasurer, the current expenses could not have been defrayed, if the unexpected sum of about $20,000.00 had not flown into the treasury; again, since the treasurer reports, that many charges in our Synod have thus far contributed either nothing or but very little, with respect to the 50 cent plan, and since your Committee knows of no other expedient of relief than the above mentioned plan, we propose, that all pastors of Synod conscientiously attend to this matter, presenting it to their congregations again and again with the proper admonition and the necessary instruction with regard to the 50 cent plan.

e) Since Mr. F. J. Heer has given full satisfaction as General Treasurer during the past two years, your Committee moves that he be re-elected for the coming two years.

Respectfully your Committee,

THEO. H. JAEGER, J. F. A. LAUTENSCHLAGER,
ADOLF EBERT, J. J. SEITZ,
P. RAETHER, E. F. DAUME.
F. STOEPPELMANN,

REPORT OF THE GENERAL TREASURY FROM OCTOBER 15, 1886, TO SEPTEMBER 1, 1888, INCLUSIVE.

To the Honorable Joint Synod of Ohio and Other States!

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor respectfully to submit herewith my First Bi-ennial Report to your Honorable Body for the term ending September 1, 1888, inclusive, as well as a few remarks, suggestions and queries, for your consideration.

The financial condition of this treasury is good, especially as it is expected the subscription for the liquidation of debt will cancel it. The various Institutions are all paid up to September 1, 1888. It must be borne in mind, however, that unless the General Treasury is kept up, so as to pay the salaries and contingencies regularly, it will be impossible to keep out of debt.

MONIES FROM THE LUTHERAN BOOK CONCERN.

Owing to the fact that this Concern has republished a large number of books the past six months, and thereby gone to considerable expense, not much can be expected from this source within the next few years. The surplus on the Church papers is about all that the Agent thinks can be transferred in the near future.

THE FIFTY CENT QUOTA.

In the minds of some the 50-Cent Quota includes all the Treasuries of Joint Synod, such as Home and Foreign Missions, District Treasuries, etc., but as I have interpreted the plan, it includes only the various Institutions, such as Capital University, Orphans' Home, Teachers' Seminary, and the Practical Seminaries in Afton and Hickory.

One of the most important questions that has come before me was: What control has the General Treasurer over

LEGACIES

Given to the different institutions? We would be pleased to have it answered for the following reason: There has been a number of legacies to Capital University and the amount was deducted from the quota allowed that institution, while there were also some given to the Orphans' Home, and the General Treasurer was *not* allowed to deduct them from the yearly allowance stipulated to them by Synod, and as that would give

them more than the amount allowed, I think it advisable for Synod to give an expression on this subject for the benefit of my successor.

RECEIPTS IN GENERAL.

While the collections and various receipts were better than the two previous years—the collections for the two years have been about as much as is required to keep the institutions in running order for one year—had it not been for the large surplus from the Book Concern, the generous donation from an unknown friend, several legacies and the sale of the 50 acres of land near Capital University, it would have been impossible to meet the demands made on this treasury.

REPORTS FROM INSTITUTIONS.

It has been very satisfactory to the General Treasurer that the various officers of the institutions have complied with his suggestion to send him a monthly report of all monies sent direct to them, as in this way every charge and pastor will receive their full credit; otherwise the General Treasurer's books would show only what was sent to him.

THE AMOUNT RAISED.

While some charges have more than paid their 50-Cent Quota, and even mission congregations have sent in collections, there are a great many that are behind and some have done very little or nothing, If it could be arranged that every charge send in the required amount as per their number of communicants, there would be no necessity of getting into debt; but unless that is done, or some other means devised, it will be a hard matter to remain out of debt.

LIQUIDATION OF DEBT.

As will be seen from Financial Statement there are $544 in the treasury. There will be due on notes about $5,000 by and before the 1st of January, 1889, and if some of the money was paid in before the 1st of October, quite a number of notes could be canceled.

DRAFTS.

In sending monies it would be advisable to send drafts, as there is always a charge on collecting private checks. Monies

can also be sent in Money Orders, Express Orders, and Postal Notes.

IN CONCLUSION.

In concluding, permit me to thank you, gentlemen, for the confidence and support given me in the past two years.

Respectfully submitted,

F. J. HEER, *Treasurer.*

GENERAL STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Balance on hand at settlement with Prof. Mees, Oct. 15, 1886		$99 06
Per Prof. Schmid, Tuition, etc	$3,317 40	
Credits as per "Kirchenzeitung," Nos. 645–689 inclusive	24,544 92	
New Loans	25,508 19	
Sale of Land	6,500 00	
Sent direct to Orphans' Home	2,293 27	
Sent direct to Afton Seminary	962 48	
Sent direct to Woodville	58 52	
Interest on Sale of Land	96 25	
From Book Concern	12,138 25	
Prof. M. Loy from an unknown friend	2,000 00	
		$77,419 28
Total		$77,518 34

Disbursements.

Notes canceled	$23,798 19	
Sent to Orphans' Home	10,581 66	
Capital University	25,502 23	
Sent to Afton	6,838 95	
Sent to Woodville	6,561 20	
Miscellaneous	833 00	
Interest	2,088 98	
		$76,264 21
Balance in Treasury Sept. 1, 1888		$1,254 13

LIQUIDATION OF DEBT.

Amount received to date	$544 00	
Balance in Treasury Sept. 1, 1888		$544 00

PRESENT STANDING OF DEBT.

Debt by Notes Oct. 15, 1886	$13,375 00	
New Loans	25,508 19	
		$38,883 19

Notes canceled to Sept. 1, 1888	$23,798 19
Debt Sept. 1, 1888	$15,085 00
To which add Building Debt of Woodville	3,000 00
Making a total of	$18,085 00

Audited and found correct, C. H. L. Schuette, C. H. Rohe.

After this report was received it was resolved to give 15 minutes to members to express themselves on the liquidation of the debt. Several new subscriptions were reported. It was resolved that the General Treasurer receive the moneys.

As auditing committee there were elected: Profs. G. K. Leonard and C. H. L. Schuette, Rev. C. H. Rohe, and Mr. J. H. Spielmann.

REPORT OF THE THIRTEENTH COMMITTEE.

Your committee has in hand the report of the Board of Pastors and Teachers' Widows and Orphans' Fund. We submit the following.

1. We have examined the report and have found it correct.

2 The above-mentioned board asks instruction to furnish assistance to superannuated and needy pastors of our Synod. Seeing this has been attended to, we have no suggestions to make.

3. Your committee would call attention to the fact that the term of office of one member of Board has expired, therefore we recommend an election to fill the vacancy.

4. We recommend that the treasurer's report be printed in minutes.

Respectfully,

C. Benzin, B. Overmeyer,
L. M. Hunt, F. H. Kummer,
O. Priwer.

SUMMARY REPORT OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES OF THE PASTORS AND TEACHERS' WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Total receipts from Oct. 6, 1886, to Aug. 5, 1888, according to the Treasurer's book and credits in the *Kirchenzeitung*	$1506 87
Total expense for same time	1293 40
In treasury	$213 47

The committee supervising this fund asks for an expression of Synod whether superannuated pastors may be assisted by this fund. We have had several appeals.

W. F. HELLE, *Treas.*

A vote of thanks was given the treasurer for his faithfulness in discharging his duties.

REPORT OF THE FOURTEENTH COMMITTEE.

Your committee has in hands the report of the Treasurer for Foreign Missions. It stands as follows:

Receipts from Oct. 6, 1886, till Sept. 6, 1888		$2609 25
Expenses for Negro Missions	$100 00	
" " East India	48 80	
" " Foreign Missions	2282 90	
Total expenses		2431 70
Balance in treasury		177 55
Of this belongs to Jewish Missions		176 69
Remains for Foreign Missions		86

Your committee examined the report carefully and found it correct; it also proposes that the money now on hand for Jewish Missions be sent to Leipzig, Germany, to the "Institutum Judaeicum," for the express purpose of spreading the Hebrew translation of the New Testament by Prof. F. Delitzsch.

2. That Synod tender her thanks to the treasurer for the faithful discharge of his duty.

Respectfully,

W. F. DEISS, WM. E. STREIBER,
J. M. JOHANSSEN, E. A. BORN.

REPORT OF THE FIFTEENTH COMMITTEE.

Your committee, appointed to examine the treasurer's report of Joint Synod, found it to be correct both in receipts and expenditures.

Your committee suggests

1. That the Treasurer's Report be embodied in our Minutes.
2. That a new treasurer's book be bought.

Respectfully your Committee,

AUGUST CORDES, A. OBERSCHULTE,
L. F. MITTLER, FRED. TEUBNER.

REPORT OF JOINT SYNOD TREASURER.

H. J. KLINGLER, TREASURER.

Receipts

Oct. 4, 1886. Balance in Treasury	$13 34
From English District, per Rev. J. H. Schneider	25 00
Eastern District, per Rev. P. M. Reidenbach, per Rev. Cronenwett	20 00
Northern District, per Rev. Geo. Dillman	26 08
Western District, per Rev. J. M. Koepplin	70 00
Eastern District, per Rev. P. M. Reidenbach	70 00
Northern District, per Rev. Geo. Dillman	30 00
Eastern District, per Rev. P. M. Reidenbach	6 00
Concordia English District, per H. H. Coffman	30 00
Northwestern District, per Jno. L. Gruber	48 41
Northern District, per Rev. Geo. Dillman	15 00
English District, per Rev. J. H. Schneider	51 25
Western District, per Rev. J. M. Koepplin	83 93
English District, per Rev. J. H. Schneider	41 44
Western District, per Rev. J. M. Koepplin	54 50
Northern District, per Rev Geo. Dillman	15 40
Northern District, per Rev. Geo. Dillman	120 00
Northern District, per Rev. Geo. Dillman	22 00
Total	$742 35

Disbursements.

J. L. Trauger	$25 00
H. Julius Klingler	12 75
J. L. Trauger	26 08
Jno. Volmar	14 55
Rev. H. J. Schuh	9 70
Prof. H. Ernst	8 00
J. F. Bergener	8 00
Rev. C. H. Rohe	6 00
D. Simon	13 00
Philip Schuh	6 50
Philip Schuh	6 60
	95
Rev. E. A. Boehme	7 40
Rev. E. A. Boehme	10 50
Rob't O. Kieling	9 70
Rev. H. J. Schuh	

Rev. Jno. H. Doerman	$20 00
J. F. Bergener	8 00
Rev. C. H. Rohe	6 00
Rev. W. F. Helle	16 00
Rev. C. H. Rohe	6 00
Rev. Prof. M. Loy	17 00
Rev. A. W. Werder	12 00
Rev. G. F. H. Meiser	15 00
J. L Trauger	51 25
Rev. H. Wickemeyer	4 50
Geo. Meier	9 50
H. Julius Klingler	13 90
Rev. C. H. Rohe	6 00
Rev. Jno. H. Doermann	11 60
Rev. E. A. Boehme	7 75
J. H. Bremer	6 00
Rev. C. H. Rohe	6 00
G. Meier	28 50
J. L. Trauger	41 44
J. F. Bergener	8 00
J. F. Bergener	7 25
Rev. H. Wickemeyer	9 00
Rev. G. F. H. Meiser	10 00
Rev. Geo. Dillman	5 40
J. L. Trauger	120 00
Rev. G. Mochel	4 80
Dr. M. Loy	9 20
Rev. W. F. Helle	8 00
Rev. H. J. Schuh	10 00
J. L. Trauger	89 53
Postage, paper, envelopes and exchange	10 00
Total	$742 35

WILLIAM SIEBERT, TREASURER.

Receipts.

Rev. George Dillman, Northern District	$17 15
J. L. Gruber	128 59
Rev. J. H. Schneider	16 21
" P. M. Reidenbach	75 00
" Ph. Schmidt	100 00
" P. M. Reidenbach	15 00
Total	$351 95

Disbursements.

Postal cards	$0 50
Rev. J. Michelfelder, Jr	15 30
Postage stamps	30
Envelopes, paper and one receipt book	38
Rev. H. J. Schuh	9 70
Rev. C. H. Rohe	12 00
J. F. Bergener	7 00
Rev. H. Eisenbach	11 30
Rev. J. L. Volmar	14 63

Rev. H. A. Allwardt	$9 00
Rev. H. A. Allwardt	12 00
Rev. E. A. Boehme	7 40
One New York draft	10
Rev. C. H. Rohe	6 00
J. F. Bergener	8 00
One draft	10
J. L. Trauger	61 76
Prof. M. Loy	10 80
C. F. W. Brecht	15 00
Postage stamps and paper	47
Rev. H. Eisenbach	11 35
Rev. C. H. L. Schuette	25 61
Rev. A. W. Werder	18 00
Rev. C. H. Rohe	6 00
Rev. H. J. Schuh	11 80
Rev. E. A. Boehme	6 30
J. F. Bergener	7 00
Writing paper and envelopes	20
Rev. E. A. Boehme	6 30
Total	$294 30

Recapitulation.

Receipts	351 95
Disbursements	294 30
Balance in Treasury Sept. 4. 1888	$57 65

REPORT OF THE SIXTEENTH COMMITTEE.

Your committee offers the following nominations for the respective Boards of Synod.

I. *Seminary Board, Columbus, O.*

Rev. G. H. Meiser.
Rev. J. Beck.
Dr. M. Loy.
Rev. D. Simon.
Mr. Conrad Nagel, Springfield, O.
Rev. G. H. Trebel.
Rev. C. H. Rohe.
Rev. E Pfeiffer.
Rev. P. A. Peter.
Mr. H. Koetter, Richmond, Ind.

II. *Orphans' Home Board.*

Rev. P. A. Peter.
Mr. F. Salziger, Springfield, O.
Mr. J. Schmidt, Hamilton, O.
Mr. J. Schultz, Richmond, Ind.
Rev. C. H. Mayer.
Mr. L. Dininger, Greenville, O.
Mr. H. Heffelmann, Dayton, O.
Mr. H. Erk, Richmond, Ind.

III. *Practical Seminary, Afton, Minn.*

Rev. H. A. Allwardt.
Rev. J. Vollmar.
Mr. H. Bremer.
Rev. C. Lembke.
Rev. H. Duborg.
Mr. Wille, Stillwater, Minn.

IV. *Practical Seminary, Hickory, N. C.*

The former Board.

V. *School Teachers' Seminary, Woodville, O.*

Rev. H. J. Schuh.
Mr. W. Bruns, Woodville, O.
Mr. B. S. Otten.
Mr. J. F. Bergener, Teacher, Marysville, O.
Rev. J. Dornbirer.
Mr. J. Toepel, Detroit, Mich.
Mr. W. Moenter, Woodville, O.
Mr. L. H. Riedel, Teacher, Detroit, Mich.

VI. *Missionary Board.*

In place of Prof. Theo. Mees we nominate:

Rev. Phil. Schmidt. Rev. J. H. Schneider.

The remaining members we move to re-elect.

VII. *Trustees of Pastors and Teachers' Widows and Orphans' Fund.*

Rev. W. F. Helle. Rev. J. A. Schulze.

VIII. *Treasurer of Foreign Missions.*

Rev. H. A. Schmidt. Rev. J. G. Butz.

Respectfully your Committee:

S. Baechler,
H. J. Reimann,
John Hoerr.

This report was received with the exception of the addition of Teacher Bammann's name for the Board at Woodville. The following is the result of the election:

I. *Seminary Board, Columbus, O.*

Dr. M. Loy, PP. J. Beck, G. F. H. Meiser. D. Simon, Mr. C. Nagel.

II. *Orphans' Home Board.*

Rev. C. H. Mayer, Messrs. J. Schmidt, H. Erk, J. Schulz.

III. *Practical Seminary Board, Afton, Minn.*

PP. H. A. Allwardt, C. Lembke, Mr. H. Bremer.

IV. *Practical Seminary Board, Hickory, N. C.*

The old Board was re-elected.

V. *School Teachers' Seminary Board, Woodville, O.*

Rev. H. J. Schuh, Teacher H. Bammann, Mr. W. Bruns, Mr. B. S. Otten.

VI. *Missionary Board.*

The old Board was re-elected and Rev. P. Schmidt took the place of Prof. Mees.

VII. *Supervising Committee of Pastors and Teachers' Widows and Orphans' Fund.*

Rev. W. F. Helle.

VIII. *Treasurer of Foreign Missions.*

Rev. H. A. Schmidt.

REPORTS OF OTHER COMMITTEES.

a) Rev. H. J. Schuh offered the following resolution: *Resolved*, that a committee of two be appointed, who shall lay before us a plan for the organization of a society to collect and preserve all historical material within our Synod which may be of interest to us and the whole Lutheran Church. PP. H. J. Schuh and J. P. Hentz were appointed as such a committee. They reported as follows:

The committee appointed to draft a constitution for a Historical Society submit the following:

CONSTITUTION.

1. THE NAME.

The name of this Society shall be, The Historical Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio and Other States.

2. THE OBJECT.

The object of this society shall be to collect such facts and data, printed and written documents, books and pamphlets, etc., as bear upon the history of the Ev. Lutheran Church in general, and the history of the Joint Synod and its several districts, in-

stitutions, pastors and congregations in particular; and deposit them, or have them deposited, at such place as will be appointed for the purpose.

3. MEMBERS.

Any communicant member of the Joint Synod may become a member of this society by due application to the president and the payment of one dollar.

4. OFFICERS.

The officers of this society shall be, a president, a secretary, a treasurer and a librarian.

5. DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

a) The president shall preside at all meetings, and shall appoint speakers, and perform all such duties as are usually incumbent on presiding officials. *b*) The secretary shall keep a record of all proceedings, and shall make a special effort to secure historical material. *c*) The treasurer shall receive money and dispense the same according to the direction of the president. *d*) The librarian shall have charge of all the books and documents which are the property of the society.

6. DUTIES OF MEMBERS.

Every member shall consider himself the agent of the society, and shall do all in his power to accomplish the object of the same.

7. OF MEETINGS.

There shall be held bi-ennial meetings which shall take place at the time and place of meeting of Joint Synod, and as many special meetings as the president may in his discretion deem proper to call.

8. PLACE OF DEPOSIT.

The officers of the society shall provide a fixed place of deposit for all material collected, to which all members shall have access, and from which no material may be taken or sent away, except in very special cases.

9. BUSINESS OF THE REGULAR MEETINGS.

At regular meetings reports shall be presented of the condition and doings of the society; and, whenever possible, an ad-

dress shall be delivered on some subject conformable to the objects of the society by some one previously appointed for the purpose.

10. ELECTIONS.

The officers shall be elected by the Synod at its regular meetings, and they shall serve for the term of two years, and shall be re-eligible.

11. LEGISLATION.

All legislation shall be done by the society, subject, however, to the approval or reversal of the Synod.

J. P. HENTZ,
H. J. SCHUH.

It was resolved to lay this report on the table till the next meeting of Synod.

B. Rev. G. F. H. Meiser handed in a resolution referring to the simplifying of business, order of business, etc., and Rev. J. A. Schulze made a substitute for the same. Both were referred to a committee consisting of PP. Meiser, Schulze, Allwardt. The report of this committee was received as follows:

In order that the business of Synod be simplified and better arranged, be it resolved:

1. That if possible all documents intended for Synod be handed to the President two weeks before the meeting of Synod at latest.

2. In the examination of these documents and report on the same to Synod, the following shall be observed:

a) Each of our District Synods elect 2 pastors, 2 lay-delegates, who shall convene at the place of the meeting of Synod, two days before the latter is opened, in order to examine the documents assigned to them by the President, who shall be present, and to prepare their reports on the same to Synod.

b) The President and committees present shall agree upon a plan for the transaction of business or order of the day and present the same to Synod at its opening.

c) In order to give time for such an arrangement Synod shall be opened, for a one-week's session, on Thursday morning.

d) Your committee also recommend, that besides the services on Sunday there beonly one service at the opening and one at the close of Synod.

G. F. H. MEISER, W. A. ALLWARDT,
J. A. SCHULZE.

DELIBERATIONS ON THE PROPOSED BY-LAWS.

Chapter I. A. — "General Synodical Business," was four years ago adopted only in part. The following was adopted: — "Synod is to watch over the purity and unity of doctrine within its boundaries; to superintend the official conduct of its pastors and teachers; to spread the pure doctrine and to defend it against all errors; to deliver theological opinions and judgments."

The following sentence: "To settle disputes and difficulties in congregations, when requested by the interested parties," was four years ago laid on the table and was not taken up again at this session. The next sentence, "To aim at establishing as much as possible uniformity in ceremonies," was adopted. What followed was under consideration when Synod closed its discussion on the By-Laws. It reads: "To see that the duties of the ministerial office are faithfully fulfilled, especially that in all congregations a genuine evangelical supervision of souls may be exercised, that the young people be well prepared for confirmation, and be made acquainted with the prevailing false doctrines and also be diligently catechised after confirmation. A motion had already been made to substitute for, "be well prepared for confirmation," "be well instructed in God's Word."

This last motion was taken up again and was carried. The whole sentence was then adopted in the following changed form: "That the young people be well instructed in God's Word both before and after confirmation and be made acquainted with the prevailing false doctrines." The next clause; "Synod shall also collect church statistical information within its limits," was adopted. The word "prepare" was substituted for "being" of the next and the clause "prepare an American-Lutheran church chronicle," was adopted. The next clause was changed so as to read, "cultivate the unity of the Spirit as much as possible."

The last sentence: "In its relation to the several congregations Synod is only an advisory body, and its resolutions have binding force for them only when they have been accepted by a congregational vote," called forth a lively discussion. Some desired that the whole sentence be cut out, because it really

does not belong to this chapter headed, "General Synodical Business." On the other hand it was emphasized that it dare not be wanting since in the Constitution nothing is expressly stated on this subject. Again it was said that the whole sentence was not clear, for as it would certainlybe wrong, on the one hand, for Synod to meddle in the affairs of individual congregations, yet, on the other hand, the resolutions of Synod composed of delegates of the several congregations must certainly have some binding power. Rev. Allwardt was requested to offer a substitute for the sentence, and the discussion was closed.

At a later meeting Rev. Allwardt offered this substitute: "In the affairs of the individual congregations Synod is only to advise." In the discussion it was again shown that the expression, "Synod is only to advise," or "Synod is only an advisory body," can be very easily misunderstood. Although we must reject the position of many Lutheran Synods which look upon it as a legal body, it would be equally erroneous, to grant Synod in all things nothing but an advisory power. That a congregation in its own affairs is the highest authority no one will dispute, but it is equally true that Synod in its affairs is the highest authority. Synod does not wish to domineer over the congregations, but congregations should not wish to domineer over the Synod. Among Christians there should be no question concerning domineering. The Constitution and By-Laws determine what is their mutual relation. And in reference to these Synod has more rights over against a congregation than merely to advise. Above all things this must be held fast: In all things referring to the Word of God Synod is not merely to advise. No congregation can take a position against God's Word. The advice of Synod concerns those things which are neither determined in God's Word, nor in the Confessions of the Church, nor in the Constitution. This is presupposed when a congregation joins Synod. Who does not remain with us on this account has become unfaithful in the fundamental principles, him we cannot call a brother. Therefore, such things are not meant here, which refer to the local congregation, but to the whole Synod. Only in those things which a congregation may order at pleasure, i. e. adiaphora, is Synod an advisory body.

With this the discussion closed. In the last session it was resolved to refer the By-Laws to the Districts for consideration.

VARIA.

The treasurer was ordered to purchase portfolios for the secretaries that they could more conveniently attend to their work.

Resolved, that a vote of thanks be tendered the *pastor loci*, Rev. H. J. Schuh and his St. John's congregation for their great hospitality in entertaining Synod, as well as to Revs. Reidenbach, Kuldell, Lose and their congregations, all of whom assisted in this work.

Resolved, that the English secretary tender the thanks of Synod to the Central Traffic Association for the reduction in fare allowed us.

Resolved, that 4,000 German and 1,500 English copies of the minutes be printed.

Resolved, that Synod meet again in two years on the first Thursday in September.

Resolved to pay the postage expenses of the *pastor loci* in sending railroad notices to attendants at Synod.

Resolved, that the choice of place for the next convention of Joint Synod be left to the officers.

After business was thus transacted the chaplain closed the meeting with proper liturgical exercises.

The correctness of the above proceedings is attested by

L. H. Schuh, *English Secretary.*

M. Loy, *President.*

SERVICES HELD DURING SYNOD.

The following services were held during Synod:

1. In St. John's Church, Rev. H. J. Schuh.

Wednesday morning: Synodical Sermon by the Honorable President, Prof. M. Loy, D.D.; text, Heb. 10, 19–25.

Thursday evening: Sermon on Missions among the Germans of the Northwest by Pres. H. A. Allwardt; text, Luke 15, 1–10.

Friday evening: Sermon on Congregational Schools by Rev. H. P. Dannecker; text. John 21, 15.

Sunday on occasion of the Jubilee of the congregation. Forenoon: Prof. F. W. Stellhorn on Ps. 106, 1. Confessional Sermon, Rev. F. W. Helle, Isa. 55, 1. Afternoon: Rev. J. G. Butz. Evening: Rev. L. H. Schuh on 1 Tim. 1, 15.

Monday evening: Missionary Sermon, Pres. A. W. Werder on Matth 9, 36–38.

Tuesday evening: Closing Sermon, Rev. L. F. Mittler, on 1 Cor. 15, 58.

2. In the St. Paul's Church. (English.) Rev. G. W. Lose.

Wednesday evening: Rev. J. Beck. John 12, 32.

Friday evening: Confessional Sermon, Rev. B. F. Schillinger.

Sunday morning: Rev. O. S. Oglesby, on Acts 18, 21.

The Holy Supper was celebrated in both congregations on Sunday morning.

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